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To: Florida A&M University Student Body and Press
From: The 2016-2017 Electoral Commission
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Greetings,

The fall 2016 Election Season was scheduled to begin on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 9:00am with Declaration of Candidacy. Due to the University being closed on Tuesday, September 6th, 2016, the fall 2016 Declaration of Candidacy will be moved to tentatively start on Wednesday, September 7, 2016. In addition, the fall 2016 election season will be **halted** until quorum is proven in the Judicial Branch of the Student Government Association. If not, a candidate may contest the election and the Electoral Commission and candidates will have no Student Supreme Court to turn to. The Student Supreme Court is needed to approve the Rules and Procedures for the fall 2016 election season. These are the basic protections that the Electoral Commission needs in the event that a student tries to contest an election and/or decision.

Furthermore, the Electoral Commissioner (Adrienne Floyd) received a statement on Wednesday, August 31, 2016, from Student Government Association (SGA) President Jaylen Smith. In the SGA Presidents message he stated, " In order to give the Student Body a fair and just opportunity to apply for all open positions with the Smith and Ellis Executive Cabinet, including the position of Attorney General, I will assume all duties and responsibilities of the Attorney General during the Fall election, as it is outlined in Chapter 600 of the Student Body Statutes- the Election Codes- so that you and your staff can proceed with the fall elections." According to this statement, SGA President Jaylen Smith is the acting Attorney General for the fall 2016 elections.

Due to the fact that the current, indexed pamphlet of the Election Code has not been provided to the Electoral Commission by the Attorney General prior to the Declaration of Candidacy period and the Rules and Procedures for the fall 2016 election has not been approved due to the Judicial Branch not having quorum, the 2016-2017 Electoral Commission will be forced to halt elections until both services are provided to the Electoral Commission to serve the Student Body. The 2016-2017 Electoral Commission hopes that these issues may be solved in the near future so that we may move forward with the fall 2016 elections. We look forward to working with you all soon.

Best Regards,
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