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To: Student Body President Sabrina La Rosa
CC: SG Advisor Brodie Taylor, Graduate Assistant Aja Williams, Chief Justice Jessica Oehler, Senate President Emma J. Custis, Senate President Pro Tempore Chinyere Anunobi, Supervisor Favriissy Levya.
From: Attorney General Erving Rodriguez
Date: February 19th, 2021
Subject: Would a Knight Connect form constitute notarization.

Dear President La Rosa,

The question posed asks “In regard to the notarization of election affidavits, would a Knight Connect form constitute notarization?” This question is specifying the statute listed in Title VI section 606.14D where it states that notarization is a requirement for filing an election affidavit.

During these times of COVID-19, we have found ourselves in a time where it is encouraged to avoid contact with others and stay at home when possible. Within the Emergency COVID Policy Student Behavioral Expectations EP 20.5.2, it clearly outlines the rights and responsibilities of students to stay safe and always maintain adequate precautions such as hosting events virtually when possible. This has resulted in an election process that will be mainly online with supplemental hybrid options.

While in normal times, a notary would be useful for the verification of the filer’s identity. During the COVID-19 pandemic, it can be seen as a health risk and unnecessary to go to a notary when there is a safe alternative such as a Knight Connect form. That is why it is in my opinion, that for the health and safety of our students, a Knight Connect form can be used to constitute the requirement for notarization when filing election violation affidavits.

Sincerely,

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