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To all concerned parties:

The Student Government Association received a copy of a complaint from the American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey which was filed in a Superior Court of New Jersey by the Montclarion. We are currently reviewing it with counsel. Our position on the issue of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act has been that the law is not applicable to the Student Government Association of Montclair State University, Inc. (SGA)

The issue of going into an executive session is a right of the SGA Legislative body as per the SGA Constitution and Robert's Rules of Order. The SGA does not have a standard practice of closed door policy making and has only gone into executive session on a limited number of occasions.

In such sessions, there are never secret votes or policies passed. Any vote taken in an executive session is always included in the open meeting minutes, as standard procedure, and revealed to the public. The only thing kept confidential in an executive session is discussion.

Sincerely,
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