

Student Elections

Official Election Violation Complaint

Complainant: David Shipyor

Respondent: Wasan Kumar, Jocelyn Bravo, Timothy Oommen, Hana Ahmed

Witnesses: listed complainant

Date/Time Submitted: 3/12/2020 at 5:33PM

Date/Time of Violation Occurrence: 3/10/2020 between 5PM – 6PM

Number of EPC Members Present: 4

Summary of Alleged Violation:

Complainant alleges that the respondents engaged in various violations of the EPC Rules/Regulations including: “illegal tabling activities, a misuse of university resources, and a violation of student organization sponsored events rules”. Complainant provided images of the respondents at the event in question, as well as the table in question, highlighting the campaign buttons shared at the event.

EPC Review & Decision

After review of evidence provided by the complainant, review of the respondents’ statement and evidence, and both the complainant’s & respondents’ verbal statements, the EPC decided on a Tier 1 sanction to be issued to the respondents. On the basis that each USG candidate was invited to the event, there was no evidence to suggest that any candidate spoke at the event, and the EPC determined that having buttons on the table did not equate to “tabling”. Based upon a unanimous vote by the EPC, the respondents were not found responsible for misuse of university resources or for violating any student organization sponsored event rules.

Majority vote determined the respondents were found responsible to violating EPC Rules/Regulations by not informing the EPC of the event and their intentions to offer campaign materials at the event. The EPC believes that the actions of the respondents’ were not ill-intentioned nor were they malicious in nature.

According to section 5.2.1 of the EPC handbook, “A tier one offense is a violation that may have been inadvertent or can be easily remedied.”

The sanction provided to the respondents include the following warning:

For future events for which campaigning is expected, please provide notice to the EPC of your intentions to campaign at said event. Additionally, please be mindful of the rules & regulations as the election season continues.