

**Student Elections**  
**Official Election Violation Complaint**

Complainant: David Shipyor

Respondent: John Donners

Witnesses: N/A

Date/Time Submitted: 3/31/2020 at 11:53PM

Date/Time of Violation Occurrence: Complainant was given confirmation of alleged violation via text from respondent on 3/30/2020 at 11:16AM

Number of EPC Members Present: 3

**Summary of Alleged Violation:**

Complainant alleges that the respondent violated section “3.7.2 Social Media pages/Accounts are permitted to push campaigning efforts. However, they are not to be made “active” until EPC has reviewed and approved the page/account. This includes Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Snapchat accounts” by merging the social media page from UIC Achieve 2019 with the respondent’s campaign page for 2020. The complainant also alleges that this act was dishonest as it was not made clear to the EPC that a previously activated social media page was used to advance the respondent’s social media following for their 2020 campaign.

**EPC Review & Decision**

After review of evidence provided by the complainant, review of the respondent’s statements, and the verbal statements of the respondent & complainant, the EPC decided no sanctions will be administered to the respondent, as no violation has occurred. Upon further investigation, it was made known to the EPC that the respondent utilized the same page as 2019 but changed the name to reflect their 2020 campaign. It was also made known to the EPC that when this name changed occurred, all followers were notified, and this was made transparent on the page itself. This transparency allowed for any concerns to be brought to light earlier in the campaigning process. The respondent provided their link to the EPC prior to using it for their campaign, the EPC approved of this page for the respondent’s use.