

Student Elections

Official Election Violation Complaint

Complainant(s): Nathan Thokkudubiyapu

Respondent(s): Anthony Cruz, Khushi Patel, and Yuri Labuca

Witness(es): Quinn Basta, Asa Asad, Dilay Heybeli

Date/Time Submitted: Complainant submitted this on Friday, April 5th at 3:40PM

Date/Time of Violation Occurrence: Complaint occurred on Wednesday, April 3rd at 10:31PM

Clause(s) Allegedly Violated:

2.5.1 – EPC expects candidates to run an issues-oriented campaign. This committee reserve the right to disqualify if it sanctions a candidate if it believes the candidate or their campaign engages in libel (malicious, false report) or slander (malicious, false verbal report).

5.2 – Violations and Sanctions

Summary of Alleged Violations:

Complainant reported that one of the campaign workers has been promoting negative campaign with the Physics Club Discord and to do soon social medias. As a campaign worker for the slate, this is considered a violation of EPC guidelines of no negative campaigning.

EPC Review and Decision:

The EPC has reviewed the complaint, the accompanying documentation, and the response from the respondent. Based on the information provided, the following decision has been made: the EPC does not find SpeakUp in violations with the EPC handbook clause 2.5.1 and 5.2.

The EPC was provided text messages from the candidate (Anthony Cruz) about interactions with the campaign worker, and the disagreement between the candidate and the campaign worker in regards to social media strategy. While the EPC does recognize that SpeakUp should have informed the EPC of the removal of the campaign worker – as there is no precedent of removal of campaign workers – EPC, using Good Faith, recognizes Anthony’s desire to run a clean campaign and disapproves the actions the campaign worker was doing.

EPC Recommendations: the EPC requests that there is add verbiage with campaign workers in regards to removing them from the campaign. The creation of a Good Faith Clause within EPC of the slate attempting to correct behavior within their campaign workers or their slate members.