

## Student Elections

### Official Election Violation Complaint

Complainant(s): Nathan Thokkudubiyapu

Respondent(s): SpeakUp UIC, Anthony Cruz, and Khushi Patel

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

Date/Time Submitted: Complainant submitted this on Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:02AM

Date/Time of Violation Occurrence: Complaint occurred on Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:50PM

#### **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).

4.1.4 – Student organizations are prohibited from using coercive measures to force member to vote for specific candidates. The EPC reserves the right to determine if a measure if coercive, at penalty of disqualification.

#### **Summary of Alleged Violations:**

Complainant reported the student organization, Students for Justice in Palestine at UIC posted several posts that is alleged to be libelous and coercive to vote for the SpeakUp slate. Also stated that with the board reach of SJP, it is alleged that they were using their platform to slander and defame members of the Impact UIC slate.

#### **EPC Review and Decision:**

The EPC has reviewed the complaint, additional documentation, and the response from the respondents to make the following decision: EPC does not find the SpeakUp Slate to have violated clauses 2.5.1. and 4.1.4, thus will be dismissing the complaint.

The EPC could not determine the evidence presented that SJP and the party slate, SpeakUp, were working together to post. This seemed more that SJP posted on their own violation. Furthermore, the EPC did not find the posts to be coercive. While student organizations can publicly support a candidate/slate, the EPC does not hold authority on what these organizations can post.