

## Student Elections

### Official Election Violation Complaint

Complainant(s): Quinn Basta

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

Witness(es): Aparna Ramakrishnan, Spencer Basta, Asa Asad, Michelle Zou

Date/Time Submitted: Complainant submitted on Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:16AM

Date/Time of Violation Occurrence: Complaint occurred on Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 11AM

#### **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).

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

Complainant reported that the student organization, Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), president was standing in front of their tabling event and informing passerby students that they (Impact UIC) does not support Palestine and to not vote for them. SDS has

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

The EPC has reviewed the complaint. EPC did reach out to the respondents for a response, extending the deadline response; however, did not receive the response from the updated deadline. The following decision has been made EPC does not find SpeakUp UIC having violated 2.5.1., thus will be dismissing the complaint.

The EPC handbook states that student organizations can publicly support candidates/slates – but the EPC does not regulate the actions/behaviors of the student organizations. In regard to the individual of the organization, we are unable to sanction them.

*Recommendations: DOS can investigate the behavior component of this complaint*