

## Student Elections

### Official Election Violation Complaint

Complainant(s): Michael Fernandes and Mohammed Haq

Respondent(s): Nazra Shahnaz Zafar, Anthony Cruz, campaign worker

Witness(es): None

Date/Time Submitted: Monday 2/20 at 11:58pm and Tuesday 2/21 at 12:43pm

Date/Time of Violation Occurrence: Complainants made aware of incident on Monday 2/20

#### **Clause(s) Allegedly Violated:**

- 2.3.1 Organizing a campaign shall be defined as, but not limited to the following criteria: - Asking other students to help with a candidate's campaign; - Meeting with a group of students or using group communication media to promote candidacy; - Preparing campaign materials for distribution; - Communicating through physical and online media such as chalking and social media.
- 2.3.2 Campaigning may not begin until after the candidate has been formally notified of their qualifications. Notification will occur on Tuesday, February 21st, 2023.
- 2.4.1 EPC defines campaigning as actions including, but not limited to the following: - Hanging posters and/or fliers; - Sending emails to encourage a person to vote for a specific candidate; - Directly or indirectly advertising (paid or unpaid) on online platforms; - Appearing before a group to share one's opinion or to influence individuals to vote; - Writing letters to the editor in campus publications.

#### **Summary of Alleged Violation:**

Complainants allege that a campaign manager for the respondent was recruiting individuals to join their party slate and provided photo evidence of a message sent by the campaign manager to another individual. The complainant alleges that the respondent and their campaign manager engaged in early campaigning.

#### **EPC Review & Decision:**

After review of the complaint and the response provided by the respondent, the EPC concluded that they will not be upholding the complaint and will not assess sanctions. The EPC holds that the activity outlined in the complaint (recruiting candidates to run for a particular slate) does not meet the criteria of campaigning and, thus, a campaign violation did not occur.