

## Student Elections

### Official Election Violation Complaint

Complainant(s): Nathan Thokkudubiyapu

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

Witness(es): Instagram Posts

Date/Time Submitted: Complainant submitted this on Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:34AM

Date/Time of Violation Occurrence: Complaint occurred on Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> ALL DAY

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

2.3.5 – Campaign workers **must** be registered with the EPC prior to working on any campaign.

2.5 – Negative Campaigning

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 in UIC (SJP), is alleged unregistered campaign workers – have been responding to Impact UIC posts with what is considered coercive measure to vote for the other slate, SpeakUp UIC. It is believed that the posts and actions that SJP has done is to spread libel and misinformation.

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

The EPC has reviewed the complaint and additional information. The EPC has requested a response from the respondent but did not receive one before the deadline. Based on the information provided, the following decision has been made: the EPC does not find SpeakUp Slate to having violated EPC handbook 2.3.5., 2.5., and 4.1.4. and moves to dismiss the complaint.

EPC would like to refer to the decision made in earlier cases (Complaint 2, 3, and 4) in regards to basis of our decision. The EPC does not regulate the actions/behaviors of the student organization. Furthermore, student organizations that publicly support a slate are not automatically considered campaign workers.