

## Student Elections

### Official Election Violation Complaint

Complainant(s): Spencer Basta

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

Witness(es): Instagram Followers

Date/Time Submitted: Complainant submitted on Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 11:26AM

Date/Time of Violation Occurrence: Complainant made aware of Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, at 12pm

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

2.6.6 – University funds and resources including, but not limited to, state, ICR, University Foundation, Student Fee, or SAFC accounts cannot be used for campaign financing.

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

The complaint reported that the Black Cultural Center resharing a post endorsing the campaign. The Black Cultural Center is a university funded department using department resources through their social media to promote a USG campaign.

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

The EPC has reviewed the complaint and accompanying information as well as reviewed the response from the respondents. Based on the information provided, the following decision has been made: EPC finds SpeakUp UIC has violated clause 2.6.6. and has imposed a Tier 1 sanction – a warning imposed.

The EPC finds that the Black Cultural Center is a university funded organization, posting in the social media about SpeakUp. Social media is considered a resource.

*Recommendation: EPC should email departments about the EPC regulations for future election cycles.*