

Student Elections

Official Election Violation Complaint

Complainant(s): Khadija Jhakaria

Respondent(s): Nathan Thokkudubiyapu, Impact UIC, Quinn Basta, Dilay Heybeli, Asa Asad,

Witness(es): Jeena Chotewattana, Anthony Cruz, and Cieona Kumpuckal

Date/Time Submitted: Complainant submitted on Wednesday, April 3rd, 2024 at 3:15PM

Date/Time of Violation Occurrence: Complainant made aware of Wednesday, April 3rd, 2024 at 2pm

Clause(s) Allegedly Violated:

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 is coercive, at penalty of disqualification.

Summary of Alleged Violations:

The complainant reported that candidate Nathan Thokkudubiyapu was campaigning in the Inner Circle, speaking with students while standing over them and filling out the voting form in front of them. It is alleged that he reached over to touch their screens to make sure they were voting for specific candidates.

EPC Review and Decision:

The EPC has reviewed the complaint, the accompanying documentation, and reviewed the response from the respondent. Based on the information provided, the following decision has been made: EPC does not find Nathan nor Impact UIC to have violated clause 4.1.4, thus will be dismissing the complaint.

The EPC looked at the evidence and could not definitely prove the action that was done was forcing students to vote. The EPC was not approached by any students that this action occurred, nor they received any students voicing their concerns of being uncomfortable and pressured to vote for specific candidates.