

Student Elections

Official Election Violation Complaint

Complainant(s): Khadija Jhakaria

Respondent (s): Quinn Basta, Dilay Heybeli, Asa Asad,

Witness(es): Jeena Chotewattana, Anthony Cruz, Cieona Kumpuckal, Moinuddin Jhakaria, Ashish Shreekumar, Seema Adhikari, Cruz Aranda

Date/Time Submitted: Complainant submitted on Wednesday, April 3rd, 2024, at 10:39PM

Date/Time of Violation Occurrence: Complainant made aware of Wednesday, April 3rd, 2024, at 4pm

Clause(s) Allegedly Violated:

EPC believes in and supports the philosophy that open, fair, and well-organized elections play an essential part in strengthening our community and student governance at UIC.

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

Summary of Alleged Violations:

The complainant reported the current Undergraduate Student Government President Matthew Almendras has public supported Impact UIC multiple times, even though Matthew current is the President of the organization. Matthew was seen campaigning for Impact UIC in the Inner Circle and promoting them on his personal social media account. Unsure if Matthew Almendras is a registered campaign worker recognized by the Election Planning Committee.

EPC Review and Decision:

The EPC has reviewed the complaint and accompanying documentation as well as reviewed the response from the respondents. Based on the information provided, the following decision has been made: EPC does not find Matthew Almendras not Impact UIC of having violated clause 2.3.5 nor any clause in the EPC Handbook, thus will be dismissing the complaint.

Matthew Almendras is a registered campaign worker that has been approved by the EPC. After looking through the EPC handbook, it does not prohibit any member of USG to participate as a campaign worker, even if they hold an executive office. Neither the bylaws nor constitution bars executive members of USG and any other member of USG to be a campaign worker.

Recommendation: EPC asks to review whether current executive board members of USG can be campaign workers for the next election cycle.