

## Formal Complaint No. 1

**Date Filed:** February 25<sup>th</sup>/19

**Nature of Complaint:** Campaign Material Posted in Violation of UVSS Electoral Policy

Section 5.4 (f) of the Electoral Policy states that posters and banners may only be posted in accordance with UVic's Student Election Poster and Banner Procedures. Section 6 of UVic's Student Election Poster and Banner Procedures states that student election posters and banners shall not be posted on doors or on glass but may be posted on unpainted concrete, concrete block, or other stone surfaces that are protected from the weather, and in locations identified in Appendix A.

A complaint was submitted that two candidates had breached the poster policy and procedures by placing a banner for each candidate on painted exterior walls of the Library. The complaint was accompanied by photographs of the banners in question.

Given that the campaign period had literally commenced a couple of hours prior, and given that this was apparently an issue of concern raised by the University during last year's campaign, upon receiving the complaint the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) as a priority promptly sent emails to each of the two candidates in question requesting that the offending banners be removed and relocated forthwith. The CEO also sent emails to the Campaign Managers of the two slates, to the single independent Director at Large candidate, and to the referenda proponents and opponent advising them of the applicable regulations, requesting that all candidates make themselves fully aware of these regulations, and that any other potentially offending materials be removed and relocated forthwith.

The Electoral Office considers this matter closed.