

Formal Complaint No. 3

Date Filed: February 27th/19

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

The complaint alleges that a slate had posted multiple handbills across campus, that the handbills that had been posted (affixed to bulletin boards) were not attributed to an individual candidate, and were allegedly being used as supplementary posters to the regulated thirty per candidate

Section 5.4 c of the Electoral Policy states that with the exception of posters and banners, campaign materials must be handed directly to electors/voters and not left in physical locations on campus. In other words, leaflets and handbills must not be posted on, or pinned to, notice boards and bulletin boards.

Subsequent to the filing of the complaint the Chief Election Officer (CEO) advised the respondent of the nature of the complaint and gave the respondent an opportunity to respond pursuant to the Complaints and Appeals procedures of the Electoral Policy. The CEO was quickly advised by the respondent that the campaign manager had contacted the entire slate with the infraction details, and sent Lead Directors to remove all handbills across campus in violation of the UVSS Electoral Policy, and that by mid-afternoon each building on campus was searched and all handbills in violation had been removed.

In the decision on Formal Complaint No. 2 the CEO has previously dealt with the issue of posted material being attributed to an individual candidate.

The Electoral Office considers this matter closed.