

UVSS Elections: Complaint 4

Breach of Electoral Policy 6.1.g

Background

1. Complaint 4 alleges that the respondent commented on an Electoral Event-related content produced by a third-party (e.g., UVSS advocacy and affiliated organizations and Separately Incorporated Fee-Levied) in this case, the Martlet, using Posts on a secondary account.
2. The subject matter of this complaint is one post (the "Post") on an Instagram account (the "Second Account").
3. The respondent, in their reply to Complaint 4, claims that the Second Account is "not myself. I've been far too busy with my own campaign to even keep track of the page."
4. Per the reasoning in Complaint 3, the Office concludes that the secondary account in question is attributed to the respondent.
5. Therefore, the respondent was in breach of 6.1.g.
6. The respondent must remove any posts about the Martlet from the Second Account immediately.
7. The respondent's breach of defamation in Complaint 3 resulted in a disqualification.
8. If an appeal is made on Complaint 3 and the candidacy is re-instated, the Electoral Office, per EPM 8.5.a.b, requires the respondent to deactivate their campaign account for an additional 12-hour period sometime within the next week. The respondent must inform the office of when the account will be deactivated and reactivated.

The complainant or the respondents may appeal this decision to the Elections Adjudicator within one business day. If the decision is appealed, the sanctions noted above apply until overturned on appeal.

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Chief Electoral Officer