Elections Board Meeting Minutes Friday, April 3rd at 8:00am- Saturday, April 4th ZOOM



Election Board members

Commissioner Tatiana Arevalo Deputy Commissioner Teyona Byers Geyris Batista Katerina Geisler Rachel Rodrigues Brian Wolfson Paul Wright

Writ: Alexandra Valdes - Wed, Apr 1, 2020, 4:50 P.M. EDT -Hiba Khalil

<u>Roll call</u>

8:23 a.m. Meeting begins

Tatiana Arevalo	Present
Teyona Byers	Absent
Geyris Batista	Present
Katerina Geisler	Present
Rachel Rodrigues	Present
Brian Wolfson	Present
Paul Wright	Present

Witnesses subpoenaed Hiba Khalil Alexadra Valdes Submitted evidence No evidence submitted

Vow not to use any electronic devices deliberations

Tatiana Geyris Katerina Paul Rachel Brian

Katerina moves to hear testimony from Hiba Brian seconds

Hiba enters at 8:27 a.m.

Tatiana will reread the writ

Hiba testimony- she was wearing the backpack and believed that she was not purposefully campaigning. 8:35am

Geyris Moves to discussions Brian seconds

Brian moves to admit Alexandra Valdes Tatiana seconds Alex Valdes enters 8:42p.m. Alex Valdes testimony- Hiba placed her backpack which had the pin placed, bryan gomez noticed and pointed it out to multiple senators and Tatiana Alex Valdes exits at 8:48p.m.

Tatiana moves to discussion Paul seconds

Paul motions to level a tier 1 offense where she is not allowed to campaign or be allowed to be put on the ROAR! Andy social/digital media platforms for 24 hours calendar days from receiving notification of offense Rachel seconds

Katerina moves to voting Brian seconds

Tatiana	Yay
Geyris	Yay
Katerina	Yay
Paul	Yay
Rachel	Yay
Brian	Yay

6 Yay 0 Nay 0 Abstention

It passes at 9:00 a.m.

Hiba enters at: 9:25am Is informed on decisions made during deliberation Hiba exits at: 9:28am Alexandra Valdes enters at : 9:28am Is informed on decisions made during deliberation Alexandra valdres exits at : 9:30am

Tier One: defined as Minor Offenses, which include but are not limited to improper disposal of campaign materials, actively campaigning in classroom settings, failure to follow the university posting policy

6.08

(1) Tier One penalties include:

(c) Digital/social media limitation, including de-activation or temporary removal of digital/social media for a period not to last more than one day (24 hours) from the date the email is received

Panther Connect Form: Elections Code Violation Form, SGC-MMC Elections - 2020

Ballot Candidate's Name: Hiba Khalil

Ballot Candidate's Party Affiliation (if applicable): Roar!

Violated Section of the Elections Code (cite legislation):

Per the SGC-MMC Statutes Section 6.08 (iii) Tier Three: defined as Disqualifying Offenses, included but not limited to failure to attend meeting session as mandated by this Elections Code, exceeding allowed campaign spending or donation limits, misrepresentation or forgery of any required election paperwork, attempted or successful fraud in the voting process, campaigning in clearly marked restricted areas during voting hours, destruction or defamation of personal/private/University property, mechanical amplification within five hundred (500) feet of voting stations, threat or use of verbal or physical abuse against any FIU student/employee/volunteer/designee/administrator, use of SGA staff/services/funds to campaign, disparaging another candidate or Party via any form of communication, having been impeached and removed from a Student Government Office less than one semester prior to the date of the elections. Candidate Hiba Khalil wore a Political Party pin inside the SGA Senate

therefore using SGA services to campaign. There are multiple eyewitnesses to this that can come before the board to testify. Due to this Hiba is not only breaking the elections code by using her position in SGA as an advantage This constitutes immediate disqualification, as it was clearly stated to be prohibited by the Elections Commissioner during the info sessions as well as in the statutes.

Elections Board Decision:

The SGA Elections Board ruled that a Tier One penalty be issued to candidate Hiba Khalil, issuing a 24-hour ban on the use of digital media for the purpose of campaigning or advancing her political platform, including campaigning on Hiba's behalf by the Roar! Political party. This includes the usage of all social media platforms, including but not limited to: Instagram, WhatsApp, Messenger, Facebook, and Twitter.

Justification:

The SGA Elections Board heard testimonies from both Hiba Khalil and Alexandra Valdes during deliberations. Hiba stated that she forgot her political party's pin was on her backpack, and that upon being asked to remove it, she cooperated in full. Alexandra's statement matched that of Hiba's, as Alexandra stated she did remove her pin once asked. Additionally, there was no physical evidence that could be presented to the Board, warranting this case testimony-based. The Board also ruled that Hiba was not actively campaigning within the Senate chambers. This decision was made based on Hiba's testimony, as she stated she left her backpack in the chambers as she left to use the restroom, demonstrating no active campaigning occurring. This decision was also paired with her statement that she forgot this pin was on her person. Tier One offenses include "improper disposal of campaign materials." Seeing as how this offense was deemed to have no malintention, the Board categorized the presence of the pin on her backpack as improper disposal of campaign a Tier One offense. Due to the nature of this virtual campaign season, the Board ruled a 24-hour ban on virtual campaigning, seeing as how the other two Tier One penalties (private and public censure) were deemed ineffective.

Voting to Subpoena Molly Schantz

Tatiana	Yay
Geyris	Yay
Katerina	Yay
Paul	Yay
Rachel	Yay
Brian	Yay

6 Yay 0 Nay 0 Abstentions It passes at 9:25 am

Showed proof that phones were not used

Meeting 1 ended at 9:29 a.m

Alexandra Valdes - Wed, Apr 1, 2020 5:02 P.M. EDT - ROAR! 10:00am-12:00p.m.

Started at 10:15 am

Roll call

Tatiana Arevalo	Present
Teyona Byers	Absent
Geyris Batista	Present
Katerina Geisler	Present
Rachel Rodrigues	Present
Brian Wolfson	Present
Paul Wright	Present

Vow not to use any electronic devices deliberations

Tatiana Geyris Rachel Katerina Paul

Brian

Tatiana moves to go to discussion Brian seconds

Tatiana moves to divide the writ into two portions where the gofund me will be one entity and the instagra.m.bio will be another Rachel seconds

Brian moves to get Alexandra to testify first Katerina seconds

Tatiana got her phone at 10:23 am Phone back at 10:23 am Alexandra Valdes entered at: 10:24 am Swore to say the truth Was informed on what the writ was and informed that we will be splitting the writ into two sections Evidence was submitted at 10:27 a.m.& 10:33 am









Hello! Thank you for considering donating to the Roar! Party for Campaigning for the student body election of 2020.

What is Roar!?

11:23 🕫

The Roar! Party is a non-partisan group composed of student leaders running for Student Government office to make a difference for the students at our University. This group composes of Presidential Candidate, Dominique Rose Ingraham and Vice Presidential Candidate Molly Schantz. Alongside many students running for select Senator positions, Dominique Rose and Molly plan to enhance the student experience in a multitude of ways.

Roar! Party Platform

Involvement & Affinity Academic Support for 4-Year Graduation **Campus Safety** Communication with the Student Body

Why do we need funding?

The Roar! Party needs funding because we are trying to reach out to as many students as possible. With a





Sophone had the Gofundme in her bio Alexandra Valdes exited at:10:40 am

Moved into discussion Reading evidence from emails at 10:58 am

-Angel sent an email on the December 24th 7:24 p.m. asking if they can start using go fund me -Tatiana replied on December 29th stating that campaigning doesn't begin until party applications are open and an explicit no to starting the gofundme due to campaigning season not starting -Angel replied December 30th with a thank you

-Tatiana on January 3rd said she would ask michelle (advisor) if gofund me is allowed -Tatiana emailed back on January 6th with permission for parties to use gofundme as long as campaigning timelines are still met

Looked into Party meeting min at 10:09 am

Brian Moves to discussion Katerina seconds

Rose entered at: 11:16 am Swore to tell the truth Rose testifies that she was not allowing the GoFundme to be public Rose exited at:11:28 am

Katerina Move to discussion Rachel seconds

Tatiana used her phone at 11:33 a.m.to contact Molly Brian moved to discussion Paul seconds

Molly entered at:11:35 am Vows to say the truth Gave a timeline of gofundme Said at the moment was unaware that the gofundme couldn't be CREATED till January 6th Molly exited at:11:42 am

Went into a discussion on gofundme Tested the theory of individuals being allowed to deactivate gofundme account

Panther Connect Form: Elections Code Violation Form, SGC-MMC Elections - 2020

Ballot Candidate's Name: Roar! Party

Ballot Candidate's Party Affiliation (if applicable): Roar!

Violated Section of the Elections Code (cite legislation):

On December 24th, 2019 the ROAR! Party, Rose Ingraham, Molly Schantz, and Angel Algarin created a GoFUNDMe Campaign for their election. There are multiple things that are unlawful about this but the first one being that they made this account without having an approved political party, an approved presidential and vice presidential ticket, or an approved candidacy. Not only were applications not opened by the time the account was created but when the account received its first donation it was before applications had closed, thus the candidacy and political party could not have been approved. The second offense is that ROAR!, Rose Ingraham, Molly Shantz, and Angel Algarin, Sophone Rosier were campaigning before the official February 17th deadline opened. By posting their campaign platform on their instagra.m.bio they are inadvertently promoting and campaigning their political party. Rose Ingraha.m.& Molly Shantz by signing off on the end of the biography means that they approved the message of the link and by allowing members of their political party to post it on their instagram bios they are campaigning. Campaigning began on February 17th, 2020, and seeing as their page was created on December 24th 2020 they are violating MANY deadlines and disrespected the whole elections process. Therefore, creating an unfair and inequitable election for the Student Body. They began to campaign before the time frame allowed them to do so and many other offenses as listed below.

Date of Accused Violation:

December 24th, 2019

ELECTIONS BOARD EVIDENCE:













Showed proof that phones were not used **Meeting 2 ended at 12:00 p.m.**

Alexandra Valdes - Wed, Apr 1, 2020, 5:03 P.M. EDT - Sophone Rosier 5:30p.m.-7:30p.m.

Meeting 3 started at 5:46 p.m.

Tatiana Arevalo	Present
Teyona Byers	Present
Geyris Batista	Present
Katerina Geisler	Present
Rachel Rodrigues	Present
Brian Wolfson	Present
Paul Wright	Present

Vow not to use any electronic devices deliberations

Tatiana Geyris Rachel Katerina Paul Teyona Brian

Witnesses subpoenaed

Sophonie Rosier Alexandra Valdes Bryan gomez **Submitted evidence** Sophonie Rosier submitted evidence in email at 6:05 p.m. Bryan Gomez submitted evidence at 6:42 p.m.

Geyris Moves to go into reading with sophonie in the meeting followed by questioning

Brian seconds Sophonie enters at 5:51 p.m. Vows to say the truth Went into reading the writ filed against Sophonie Sophonie exited at 6:02 p.m. Evidence submitted in email at 6:05 p.m.



Brian moves to go to discussion Katerina seconds

6:11p.m. to grab her phone6:12p.m. puts phone backTatiana moves to subpoena alexandraBrian seconds

Alexandra enters: 6:13p.m. Vows to say the truth Alexandra exits at 6:20 p.m.

Brian moves to discussion Tatiana seconds Brian moves to subpoena Bryan gomez Rachel seconds

6:24 p.m. Tatiana grabs phone to text Bryan to notify him 6:25 p.m. Put phone back

6:28 p.m. Tatiana will be calling Bryan gomez6:29 p.m. tatiana puts phone away

6:30 p.m. Bryan gomez enters6:39 p.m. Bryan gomez exitsEvidence submitted at 6:42 p.m.



Brian moves to discussion Geyris seconds

Paul motions to dismiss the writ against Sophone Rosier Brian Seconds

Voting to dismiss the writ

Brian Wolfson	Yay
Paul Wright	Yay
Rachel Rodrigues	Yay
Katerina Geisler	Yay
Geyris Batista	Yay
Tatiana Arevalo	Yay
Teyona Byers	Yay

7 Yay 0 Nay 0 Abstentions It passes the Writ gets dismissed

Panther Connect Form: Elections Code Violation Form, SGC-MMC Elections - 2020

Ballot Candidate's Name: Sophone Rosier

Ballot Candidate's Party Affiliation (if applicable): Roar!

Violated Section of the Elections Code (cite legislation):

The second offense is that ROAR!, Rose Ingraham, Molly Shantz, and Angel Algarin, Sophone Rosier were campaigning before the official February 17th deadline opened. By posting their campaign platform on their instagra.m.bio they are inadvertently promoting and campaigning their political party. Rose Ingraha.m.& Molly Shantz by signing off on the end of the biography means that they approved the message of the link and by allowing members of their political party to post it on their instagram bios they are campaigning. Campaigning began on February 17th, 2020, and seeing as their page was created on December 24th 2020 they are violating MANY deadlines and disrespected the whole elections process. Therefore, creating an unfair and inequitable election for the Student Body. They began to campaign before the time frame allowed them to do so and many other offenses as listed below.

Date of Accused Violation: December 24th, 2019

Decision:

The SGA Elections Board ruled that the case against Sophoine Rosier be dismissed in its entirety.

Justification:

The SGA Elections Board heard testimony from Sophoine, who was able to submit physical evidence that she did not receive the gofundme link before February 28th, 2020. She also stated that she did not campaign inappropriately, demonstrating her engagement with the Elections Board in regard to material approval throughout the campaigning season. Additionally, both Alexandra Valdez and Brian Gomez were interviewed, both of which were unable to submit proof that this link was placed in Sophoine's Instagra.m.bio before approved campaigning dates. Thus, due to a lack of evidence that Sophoine campaigned early, this case was dismissed.

Sophonie enters at 6:58 p.m. Sophonie exits at 7:00 p.m.

7:01 p.m. Tatiana will call 7:01 p.m. phone went back

Alaxandra enters at 7:03 p.m. Alaxandra exits at 7:05 p.m.

Showed proof that phones were not used Meeting ended at 7:10 p.m

Alexandra Valdes - Thu, Apr 2, 2020, 12:37 P.M. EDT - Jourdan Lee 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Meeting began at 8:20p.m.

Tatiana Arevalo	Present
Teyona Byers	Present
Geyris Batista	Present
Katerina Geisler	Present
Rachel Rodrigues	Present
Brian Wolfson	Present
Paul Wright	Present

Vow not to use any electronic devices deliberations

Tatiana

Geyris

Rachel

Katerina

Paul

Teyona

Brian

Witnesses subpoenaed

Jourdan Lee Casey Amaya Angel Algarin **Submitted evidence** Casey Amaya Evidence submitted at 9:11 p.m.

Alexandra Valdes submitted evidence At 10:03

Geyris moves to read writ with Ha le in the room then move to reading Brian seconds Ha Le enters at 8:25 p.m.

Paul picks up the phone at 8:34 p.m. End at 8:34 p.m.

Ballot Candidate's Name: Jourdan Lee leaves at 8:55 p.m.

Brian Move to discussion

Katerina seconds Casey enters at 9 p.m. Stated vows Evidence submitted at 9:11 p.m.





Teyona, Tati, Rachel, Katerina and Paul took a break at 9:13p.m. Teyona, Tati, Geyris, Rachel, and Paul came back at 9:19 p.m. Katerina came back at 9:21 p.m. Casey exits at 9:28 p.m.

Brian Move to discussion Paul seconds

Angel enters at 9:35 p.m. Stated vows Angel exits 9:48 p.m.

Brian moves to discussion Geyris seconds

Tatiana gets her phone at 9:50 p.m. Paul motion to subpoena Alexandra Valdes Brian seconds

Voting to hear the testimony of Alexandra Valdes

Tatiana Arevalo	Yay
Teyona Byers	Yay
Geyris Batista	Yay
Katerina Geisler	Yay
Rachel Rodrigues	Yay
Brian Wolfson	Yay
Paul Wright	Yay

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Alexandra comes in at 9:58 p.m. Vow Alexandra exited at 10:07 p.m.

Paul motions to extend the meeting for 15 minutes Teyona Seconds

At 10:03 evidence was submitted by Alexandra Valdes





Katerina Motion to vote that ha le will have a tier 2 violation with a 48 hour social media ban on April 7th and 8th all day Rachel seconds

Katerina Geisler	Yay
Rachel Rodrigues	Yay
Brian Wolfson	Yay
Tatiana Arevalo	Yay
Teyona Byers	Yay
Geyris Batista	Yay
Paul Wright	Yay

7 Yay 0 Nay 0 Abstentions

Tatiana moves to give ROAR! A Tier 1 campaigning offense and will stop campaigning for a full 24 hours from the date given -April 5th Brian seconds

Paul Wright	Yay
Rachel Rodrigues	Yay
Katerina Geisler	Yay
Tatiana Arevalo	Yay
Brian Wolfson	Yay
Teyona Byers	Yay
Geyris Batista	Yay

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Katerina moves to table debriefing Brian seconds

The Elections Board Decision:

The SGA Elections Board ruled that a Tier Two penalty be issued to candidate Ha Le, also known as Jourdan, issuing a 48-hour ban on the use of digital media for the purpose of campaigning or advancing her political platform, including campaigning on Ha Le's behalf by the Roar! Political party. This includes the usage of all social media platforms, including but not limited to: Instagram, WhatsApp, Messenger, Facebook, and Twitter. This ban is to be implemented during the two days of elections, starting at 12:00 am est on Tuesday, April 7th, until 11:59 pm est on Wednesday, April 8th. Additionally, the SGA Elections Board ruled that a Tier One penalty be issued to the Roar! Political party, issuing a 24-hour ban on the use of digital media for the purpose of campaigning or advancing the political party of Roar! This includes any use of the party name Roar! In digital media, including but not limited to: Instagram, WhatsApp, Messenger, This ban is to be implemented starting at 12:00 am on Sunday, April 5th, until 12:00 am on Monday, April 6th. Justification:

The SGA Elections Board heard the testimony of Ha Le, also known as Jourdan, who clarified that she was not a member of the Pi Sigma Alpha (PSA) party. She detailed how she reached out to this organization during her candidacy on behalf of both herself and as a member of the Roar! Political party. Before the university transitioned to remote learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Jourdan met with the President and Vice President of PSA in-person. Eventually, PSA invited Jourdan to come to one of their organization meetings for the purpose of discussing SGA elections. Due to the pandemic, however, this event did not take place, and was instead transitioned to an online format through Zoom. Jourdan planned on attending this event in order to present information on the upcoming elections. Jourdan did state that she was aware of the elections code regulation requiring candidates to report to the Elections Board of campaign events, as stated in Section 6.08: Violations, A) (ii). However, she also stated she felt this involvement was not a campaign event, as her relationship with PSA was claimed to be nonpartisan and this event was designed to be nonpartisan. Jourdan also stated that she did not make the Instagram post, the PSA President created the flier and tagged both Jourdan and the Roar! Political party. After this testimony, the Elections Board decided that in order for an event to be nonpartisan, all political parties would have to be represented. However, seeing as how this event was in regard to SGA Elections, the Board also clarified that no political candidate should be representing SGA Elections, seeing as how there is an Elections Board. Additionally, Jourdan is not currently a member of SGA, rendering her ineligible to represent the entirety of SGA Elections in a nonpartisan manner. When this post was discovered by the Elections Board, Jourdan was made aware through email that this post was in violation of the Elections Code. Her response was argumentative, stating her opinion on why she felt the post was not in violation of the code. The Elections Board also heard the testimony of PSA President Casey Amaya, who verified Jourdan's testimony. Casey was also able to provide physical evidence of conversations she had with Jourdan. In these screenshots, the first message sent by Jourdan to Casey ended with the statement, "[...] so we can chat about how SGA can help PSA expand in scope and meaning." While Jourdan did mention earlier in this message that she was a SIPA Senator candidate, the Elections Board decided that the rhetoric of her messages alluded to Jourdan being involved in SGA, which, as mentioned earlier, she is not. Additionally, when Casey was asked if she was under the impression that Jourdan was an official SGA member, Casey responded yes. This led to the Elections Board questioning Jourdan's intentions with this meeting, as it was deemed, she had no qualifications to deliver a verbal information session about SGA elections. However, Casey did state in her testimony that PSA is a nonpartisan organization unable to endorse candidates. Additionally, Casey did provide evidence of Jourdan asking for the post to be archived once it was brought to her attention. Despite this, Jourdan did violate the Elections Code by failing to inform the Elections Board about this event, along with violating social media requirements, as Jourdan reposted PSA's post without permission from the Board. The Elections Code clearly stated that a Tier Two penalty includes failure to report a campaign event along with posting

policy violations, warranting this case a Tier Two offense. The Board decided to thus implement a 48-hour ban on digital media usage for campaigning. Additionally, seeing as how Jourdan stated she was aware of campaign event regulations and posting policy violations, and violated both, the Elections Board felt the 2 days of elections would be when the ban would take effect in order to have the most effect. Finally, the Roar! Political Party also reposted this event on their social media without permission from the Board. Angel was brought in to testify and stated that while the Roar! Political Party leadership was aware of the in-person event that was unable to happen, he was not aware of this virtual event, nor did he repost the picture. He stated that most likely Molly Schantz reposted the flier. The Elections Board felt it irrelevant who within the Roar! Political Party reposted the picture, as it was never approved by the Board. This is a direct Tier I offense, as this was a failure to follow the university posting policy. Thus, the Elections Board issued a 24-hour ban on digital media usage for campaigning. Seeing as how this was a smaller violation, the Board ruled this ban would begin at 12:00 am on Sunday, April 5th, until 12:00 am on Monday, April 6th.

Panther Connect Form: Elections Code Violation Form, SGC-MMC Elections - 2020

Ballot Candidate's Party Affiliation (if applicable): Roar! Party

Violated Section of the Elections Code (cite legislation):

Jourdan Lee currently serves as the Vice President of FIU Pi Sigma Alpha- Tau Rho. Pi Sigma Alpha- Tau Rho is the National Political Science Honor Society at FIU. On March 31st, Pi Sigma Alpha posted a flyer promoting their next event: an SGA ONLINE VOTING INFO SESSION. 1. While they described the event as "non partisan" they only tagged Jourdan Lee and the ROAR! Party and never informed any other candidates or political party. 2. They offered POINTS to the people who would attend this. 3. Every single student in Pi Sigma Alpha is a SIPA student meaning that they are all eligible to vote for SIPA senators. You cannot claim to be non partisan if you only tag one candidate and one political party and fail to inform the elections board and the opposing political party. Additionally, there is a reason info sessions are held by the Elections Board to prevent this from happening. Additionally, there was no link to the elections board with this post and broke multiple elections board procedures. Political Party ROAR! Reposted this on their instagram. According to the Elections Code, Section 6.03 campaigning is defined "as the marketing of a person, idea, or group through promotional material, be it tangibly or online, or through word of mouth, that encourages students to vote for that person, idea, candidate, political party or group." This is a violation Section 6.02 (b) The Elections Board shall regulate all social media and other online outlets chosen by candidates (c) The Elections Board shall have the right to oversee all candidate events, including but not limited to, tabling, fundraising and other programming (d) The Board will be required to ensure that

every candidate's individual flyer includes a link to the elections website (e) All campus location reservations shall be done through the Elections Board. All requests must be submitted no less than 5 business days before the event in question Section 6.08 At the discretion of the Elections Board's finding, candidates are responsible for the actions of any Political Party to which they are affiliated. In turn, Political Parties are responsible for the actions of those candidates for which they campaign and/or represent on the ballot (i) A Political Party may be penalized for any and all violations for which a candidate is accountable. The Elections Board may follow the same tier system for any subsequent penalties levied against a Party SGC MMC Statues Article 3, Sections 1 & 2 Section 3 Rights A. Students shall have the right to: 1. Vote for elected officials. 2. Apply for and run for office. Students have the right to a fair and equitable election, breaking and abusing the elections code denies a student their right. This is a violation.

Summary of the Violation:

Due to the nature of these violations to the Elections Code, constitution, and judicial ruling, I ask that the court decide to disqualify candidate Jordan Lee and the ROAR! Party & ROAR! Party Leadership for the continuous breaking of the elections code, for disrespecting and tainting the elections process and putting in jeopardy all the work SGA has put in to have a fair and equitable election. Every candidate and political party has agreed to act in accordance with the Elections Code and not being aware of the rule is not a defense.

Showed proof that phones were not used Meeting 4 ended at 10:15 p.m

Alexandra Valdes - Wed, Apr 1, 2020 5:02 P.M. EDT - ROAR! 10:00 pm-12:00 p.m. Part 2

Meeting 5 Started at 10:27p.m.

Vow not to use any electronic devices deliberations

Tatiana

Rachel

Katerina

Paul

Teyona

Brian

Tatiana Arevalo	Present
Teyona Byers	Present
Geyris Batista	Present
Katerina Geisler	Present
Rachel Rodrigues	Present
Brian Wolfson	Present
Paul Wright	Present

Witnesses subpoenaed

Alexandra Valdes Rose Ingraham Molly Schantz

Submitted evidence

Alexandra Valdes submitted evidence at 10:27 a.m.& 10:33 am Elections Board submitted previous evidence

In discussion

Tatiana moves to bring in Alexandra Valdes

Paul seconds

Alexandra comes in at:10:48 p.m. Vows Alexandra leaves at 10:55 p.m.

Tatiana moves to subpoena Bryan gomez for no longer than 2 minutes Teyona seconds

POP Rachel 10:59 p.m. POP Geyris 11:00 p.m. Tatiana grabs her phone at 10:59 p.m. Put back her phone at 11:00 p.m. Rachel and Geyris enter 11:01 p.m.

Bryan Gomez entered at 11:01p.m. Bryan Vows Bryan Gomez left at 11:15 p.m.

Tatiana moves to bring Angel in Paul seconds Angel enters at 11:22 p.m. Vows Angel exits at 11:32 p.m.

Rose enters at 11:32 p.m. Vows Rose exits at 11:41p.m.

Tatiana moves to extend by 30 min Rachel seconds

Katerina motion to hear what other election members believe should be the punishment Teyona Seconds

POP Paul 12:08 p.m. Returns at 12:09 p.m. Tatiana - Tier 3 because we'll get a lot of appeals for tier 2. The evidence provided clearly states the gofundme was created on December 24th and that it defied the election code: Party Disbandment

Rachel - Tier 3 because Tati sent an email saying that they couldn't create a gofundme but they did it anyhow. Campaign limitations for 96 hours

Katerina - Tier 3 based on evidence against the accused party proving a larger offense and taking into account the rest of the counts against the Roar! Party during deliberations

Paul - Tier 2 because even if Roar! completely went against the elections commissioner and made the gofundme it was still just a violation of the campaign timeline. However, bc tier 2 is limited to 48 hours he thinks a tier 3 is necessary.

Teyona- Tier 2 because the elections code specifically mentions punishments for campaigning/early campaigning violations under the Tier 2 violations and reprimands. Brian- Tier 3 because of the election board's previous rulings for this party already; doesn't believe 48 hours is enough time for ban. Ban on campaigning

Geyris- Tier 3 because she wants to have campaigning limited for the rest of the time in the election. And she believes that the next offense would grant for party disbandment

We will be voting on ROAR! Are not allowed to campaign for Monday midnight till wednesday midnight and it being classified as a tier 3 event , inactive instagram, cannot be tagged in Roar! Content, and if the party is in their candidates bio it must be removed

Tatiana moves to voting Brian seconds

Rachel Rodrigues	Yay
Brian Wolfson	Yay
Katerina Geisler	Yay
Tatiana Arevalo	Yay
Paul Wright	Yay
Geyris Batista	Yay
Teyona Byers	Abstain

6 Yay 0 Nay 1 Abstention It passes

Elections Board Decision:

The SGA Elections Board ruled that a Tier Three penalty be issued to the Roar! Party issuing a campaigning ban from Monday, April 6, 2020 12:00 am until Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at 11:59 pm. This includes the usage of all social media platforms, including but not limited to: Instagram, WhatsApp, Messenger, Facebook, and Twitter. Additionally, the SGA Elections Board ruled against the use of digital media for the purpose of campaigning or advancing the political party of Roar! This includes any use of the party name Roar! In digital media, including but not limited to: Instagram, WhatsApp, Messenger, Facebook, and Twitter including but not limited to: messaging that includes the word Roar!

Justification:

The SGA Elections Board heard testimonies from Dominique Rose Ingraham, Angel Algarin, Bryan Gomez, Alexandra Valdes, and Molly Schantz during deliberations. In Dominique Ingraham's statement she stated that she initially did make the Roar! gofundme account on December 24, 2019 to test out the logistics of the fundraising website. When asked she provided evidence of the first donation that the Roar! Party gofundme received. In creating the Roar! Party gofundme account and also in receiving the first donation Dominique failed to notify the Elections Board of either development. Molly Schantz was also subpoenaed for her testimony, of which she did verify Dominique Rose's testimony and timeline of creation. However, Molly was not as involved with the creation as Dominique Rose. Campaign manager, Angel Algarin was asked if he was aware of the date that the Roar! Gofundme was created and his statement clarified that while he was aware of when the Gofundme was created, he was not actively involved, nor was he aware of any posting of the Gofundme in the Roar! Party's Instagram bio. He stated that his job as the campaign manager has nothing to do with posting on social media and that his position consists mostly of answering emails and corresponding with the Elections Board through email. Alexandra Valdes gave her statement as well, in it she submitted evidence to the Elections Board which consisted of (1) screenshot of the date that the Roar! Party Gofundme was created on December 24, 2019. Bryan Gomez submitted the same screenshot when presenting his evidence and quoted specific legislation from the Elections Code that he felt supported his claim for the reprimand he saw fit for the Roar! Party. The leadership of the Roar! Party created the Gofundme account and by definition of Section 6.03: Definitions, A) (ii) started campaigning early i.e. before the Elections Board had received the respective and complete application of the Roar! Party. The applications were not open until after January 6, 2020 and so therefore the Elections Board could not have received the Roar! Party's application before the Gofundme account was created on December 24, 2019. The Roar! Party also failed to alert the Elections

Board about the creation of the Gofundme account which was a direct violation of Section 6.06: Campaign and Elections Guidelines, e) Social and Digital Media. The Roar! Party also deliberately went against the counsel of the Election Board. The Election Board presented evidence that contained the Elections Commissioner, Tatiana Arevelo, corresponding with Roar! Campaign Manager, Angel Algarin on January 3, 2020 where she informed him that she would contact the Election Board Advisor, Michelle Castro, to see if the use of Gofundme during campaigning was allowed. Additionally, Tatiana explicitly stated that no Gofundme could be used OR created. The Roar! Gofundme account had already been made on December 24, 2019, and was not taken down after receiving explicit information that this account was in violation of the Elections Code. It is because of these multiple offenses that the Election Board decided on a Tier Three Penalty. The creation of the Gofundme violated campaigning regulations, and the Board ruled that Roar! leadership acted against the direct instructions of the Elections Commissioner. Although this is not the first offense of the Roar! Party, the Elections Board decided against dismantling the Party seeing as how party members weren't aware that Party leadership created the Roar! Gofundme early without the permission of the Elections Board. Thus, the Board ruled it unfair to disband the entire party. The Elections Board instead decided to place a 72-hour ban on digital media usage for campaigning on the Roar! Political party, as it was decided to render the most effect, seeing as how this party held an unfair campaigning advantage. Seeing as how this offense was committed by Roar! Party leadership, the Board will allow all candidates to campaign individually, excluding the promotion of, campaigning for, or association with, the Roar! Party, including by outside actors, such as being tagged in a campaign post.

Showed proof that phones were not used

Meeting 5 ended at 12:29 a.m.

April 4th, 2020 Debriefs Begin 1:40 p.m. Vows Tatiana Geyris Rachel Paul Katerina Teyona Brian Decisions for : Alexandra Valdes - Thu. Apr 2, 20

Decisions for : Alexandra Valdes - Thu, Apr 2, 2020, 12:37 P.M. EDT- Jourdan Lee 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Angel enters at 1:42 p.m. Informed on decisions at 1:44 p.m. Angel exits at 1:53 p.m.

Tatiana grabs her phone at 1:53 p.m. Tatiana puts back her phone at 1:54 p.m.

Alexandra enters at 1:54 p.m. Informed on decisions at 1:55 p.m. Alexandra exits at 2:04 p.m.

Decisions for : Alexandra Valdes - Wed, Apr 1, 2020 5:02 P.M. EDT - ROAR! 10:00 am-12:00 p.m.

Rose enters at 2:05 p.m. Informed on decision at 2:06 p.m. Rose exits at 2:14 p.m.

Alexandra enters at 2:14 p.m. Informed on decisions at 2:15 p.m. Alexandra exits at 2:24 p.m

Phones where shown

Meeting ended at 2:30pm Showed proof that phones were not used

Appendix A

A list of questions asked by the board to those who were subpoenaed. This list is not all inclusive, all of the questions are available through the Elections Board deliberation videos.

Questions for subpoenaed witnesses

Alexandra Valdes - Wed, Apr 1, 2020, 4:50 PM EDT -Hiba Khalil - 8:00am-10:00am Hiba

- Describe what happened in regard to the senate chamber?
- Do you recall the date that this happened?
- Do you have anything that you would like to say?
- Did you know you were not allowed to wear the pin?

Alex Valdes

- Do you remember what date this occurred on?
- Describe what happened that day?
- Did you see where the pin was when it was being worn?
- Besides your verbal testimony do you have any concrete physical evidence that can be used in your claim i.e. photos, videos, etc.
- Can you verify the time of this incident? (before, during, or after senate)
- Do you have any other statements you would like to say?

Alexandra Valdes - Wed, Apr 1, 2020 5:02 PM EDT - ROAR! 10:00am-12:00pm

Rose

- Could you provide the elections board with the date of your first donation through your gofundme page?
- Can you give a timeline of the use of the gofundme account for the Roar! Party?
- Did Angel inform you of the commissioner's decisions regarding the gofundme campaign?
- Whose email was used to create the gofundme?
- Can you verify that you got permission from the elections board on or prior to December 24, 2019 to create a gofundme account for the Roar! Party?
- Do you remember when you got your first donation and when you made it private?
- Can you let us know if you can provide physical proof to show that it was deactivated?
- In the email on December 29th, 2019 it says GoFund me cannot be explicitly created so did you decide to keep it up?
- Anything you would like to comment, or have a closing remark on your behalf?
- Why do you think that Bryan Gomez could provide a better statement than you could?

- As we're ending the deliberation for this case is there any evidence that Bryan Gomez could provide that you haven't provided?
- When you created your account on December 24th. When that page that was created on December 24th did it look the same as it does now i.e. description, logo, goal etc.?
- Do you have screenshots of the timeframe that you made the logo used on the Roar! Gofundme account?
- When did you first get the link to the Roar! Gofundme account and when did you start dispersing it to other Party leadership i.e. Molly & Angel
- Who donated was the first donation that you received? Can you please show us the exact date of that donation?

Bryan Gomez

• Did you watch the previous deliberation recordings? If so, do you feel that we missed anything that you would like to present?

Angel

- Can you give a general timeline for the gofundme that the Roar! Party has?
- Did you know that Rose had created the gofundme account on December 24, 2019?
- Seeing as you had already created it (Roar! gofundme) what was your logic in keeping it up although Tati had expressed that it should have never even been created in the December 29th email?

Molly

- Can you give us a rough timeline for the creation of the GoFundme?
- Were you aware that the email sent 29th says GoFundme couldn't be created?
- Was your entire political party aware of the communication with the elections board?
- Anything you would like to comment, or have a closing remark on your behalf?

Alexandra Valdes

- Point of clarification: Can you clarify the date on the writ?
- Can you clarify the Grayson donations? Or why it's relevant?
- Have you had any interactions with the leadership from the ROAR! Party
- Which candidate bio was it?

Alexandra Valdes - Wed, Apr 1, 2020, 5:03 PM EDT - Sophone Rosier 5:30pm-7:30pm Sophone Rosier

- What is your position in the ROAR! Party what do you do besides being a candidate?
- What did the link lead to?
- When was the date the link for the whatsapp sent to you?
- What senator position are you running for?
- When was the link posted in your instagram bio?
- Are there any statements you wanted to make generally?

• Do you have the elections email confirmation asking for instagram bio approval? Alexandra Valdes

- Can you clarify what the writ is trying to accomplish?
- Why this specific person?
- When did you see Sophone's bio or when was it brought to your attention?
- Any evidence they have on when they saw it?
- What day did you see this in her bio?
- Do you have any physical evidence?
- Who took the screenshot and/or whose phone was it taken on?

Bryan Gomez

- When did you take this screenshot?
- Can you send the screenshot?
- Why this specific candidate?
- Are there any statements you wanted to make generally?

Alexandra Valdes - Thu, Apr 2, 2020, 12:37 PM EDT - Jourdan Lee 8:00pm - 10:00pm

Jourdan Lee

- Were you aware of the rules that you must submit all forms of promotion to Elections?
- Walk us through the
- Did you seek permission from the elections board?
- Why didn't you refer this club to the elections board?
- Did you inform the ROAR! Party about this event you were supposed to have?
- Are you aware of the process by the elections board?
- What is your position in Pi Sigma Alpha?
- What was your understanding of the event?
- Did you know that you have to give notification to the elections board about organization visits?
- Are you aware of the meaning of non-partisan and where you are at all suspicious when they didn't ask you if you could invite any candidates?
- Did Rose know you were hosting this event?
- Did Molly know about the event?
- Did Angel know about the event?
- Are you in any way affiliated to this organization?
- What qualifications do you have to speak about SGA elections?

Angel

- Were you aware that this was not accepted by the elections board before reposting it on the ROAR! Instagram
- Who within the party has access to the Roar! Instagram?
- Are you aware who reposted the PSA post on Roar! Instagram story?

Social media person from Pi Sigma Alpha

- Were you instructed by any Roar! Party members to tag them on the social media post? If so then who asked you to do so? (Teyona)
- Can you send the screenshots of your conversation with Lee?
- Please explain your relationship with Jourdan Lee?