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Elections Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 03/08/2023

I. Call to Order

- a. Meeting called to order at 5:09PM

II. Roll Call

Name	Position	Present/Absent	Required Attendance
Anna Meredith	Elections Commissioner	Present	Y
Melanie Montes	Deputy Elections Commissioner	Present	Y
Kelvin Bencosme	Elections Board Member	Present	Y
Alexander Cobas	Elections Board Member	Present	Y
	Elections Board Member		Y

III. Unfinished Business

- a. n/a

IV. New Business

- a. Campaign Violation 1: Matthew Gaynor

- i. Opening statements:
- ii. Matthew Gaynor: Kaily LaChappelle was reprimanded for using PSU to promote their electoral campaign and was given a tier-3 violation. Despite this, they have put on their posters that they were endorsed by PSU, which is funded by ANS and 6005 violation
- iii. Kaily LaChappelle: what is and isn't SGA property is subjective. The statutes aren't explicit on what belongs to SGA. It was not an intentional breakage of the rules and the logo in question has been in existence longer than SGA
- iv. Closing Statements



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- v. Matthew: whether intentional or not, the logo is now part of an org funded by ANS, which is breaking the rules. Because it's been previously ruled on, while they may or may not have done this on purpose, it's the second time this has happened and it needs to be looked at and reviewed, because it seems like a violation
- vi. Kaily: the elections code is very subjective. It doesn't explicitly define whether bureau orgs are a use of SGA property/funds. It was not intentional and it's not an egregious act which is what would make it a tier 1 violation.
- vii. Deliberation:
- viii. Alex: this time it's different than last time with the Instagram post because this now carries the weight of the organization
- ix. Anna: it doesn't feel like a formal endorsement because it's just a logo rather than an official endorsement. Saying you're a member of the org is just mentioning it and how you may advocate it
- x. Alex: difference between being a member and being endorsed
- xi. Anna: the writ is about using ANS funds, which a logo you can get from the internet and posting it on a personal Instagram, isn't using fees. Anyone can say they're endorsed by something
- xii. Alex: the weight of the supposed endorsement gives an unfair advantage, so it's wrong especially if it's an SGA funded org
- xiii. Melanie: endorsement is wrong but it's a confusing grey area
- xiv. Kelvin: being endorsed by SGA or one of its orgs is not allowed
- xv. Anna: it's not explicitly mentioned in the rule, so we're setting a new precedent right now
- xvi. Alex: recommends doing a censure against Kaily
- xvii. Melanie: motion to find Kaily guilty of violating section 6005.9, which is a tier one violation by roll call vote
- xviii. Anna: SECONDED
- xix. ANNA: NAY
- xx. MELANIE: NAY
- xxi. ALEX: NAY
- xxii. KELVIN: NAY
- xxiii. Anna: motion to find Kaily guilty of violating section 6005.9, on a tier 3 violation
- xxiv. Melanie: SECONDED



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- xxv. ANNA: YAY
- xxvi. MELANIE: YAY
- xxvii. ALEX: YAY
- xxviii. KELVIN: YAY
- b. Campaign Violation 2:
  - i. Opening Statements
  - ii. Matthew Gaynor: The Future Is You should have contacted all its candidates to make sure they weren't posting anything against the elections code. 6005.10 says the party should be responsible for all candidate violations/endorsements
  - iii. Kaily LaChappelle: that wasn't previously known, and the party didn't know either. It was neither intentional nor done through the party. Everyone in the party got together to review the elections code and make sure no rules were being broken.
  - iv. Closing Statements:
  - v. Matthew: two candidates posted being endorsed by the PSU and the previous hearing proves, it's a tier-3 violation. The party has continued to allow their candidates to keep breaking the statutes
  - vi. Santana Way: it feels like specific members of the party are being singled out. It shouldn't be a tier1 violation. The PSU is a bureau, once the party realized the mistake, they fixed it, so why should there be a punishment for something that has been fixed.
  - vii. Deliberation:
  - viii. Anna: this doesn't make sense because if Kaily didn't know then the rest didn't either
  - ix. Alex
  - x. Motion: motion to find the Future is You party guilty of a violating section 6010.3, through a tier-1 violation
  - xi. ANNA: NAY
  - xii. MELANIE: NAY
  - xiii. ALEX: NAY
  - xiv. Kelvin: left at 5:45PM, before this vote
- c. Campaign Violation 3:
- d. Campaign Violation 4:
- e. Elections Board Members
- f. Advisor Report

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- V. Announcement
  - a. GC PIT ELECTION RESULT ANNOUNCEMENT
- VI. Meeting Adjournment
  - a. Meeting adjourned at 5:55PM