

***In Res Natalie Butler/Ashley Baker (ESB / SG 2011 – 006)***

Chair Eric D. Nimmer delivered the opinion of the Board:

In the matter of Natalie Butler and Ashley Baker, candidates for University of Texas Student Government (UTSG) President and Vice-President 2011-2012, heard on one count of violating the institutional rules of the University of Texas at Austin as defined by section §13.501 sub chapter (b), which in turn breach section §6.06 and comes before the Election Supervisory Board under the guise and authority of section §3.04 of the Student Government Election Code, respectively. The respondents were found to be fully culpable and punishable under section §13.501

**The relevant chapter and subchapters of the governing institutional rules are as follows:**

**Section 13–501.** *General Rule on Signs: (b) Subject to the rules in this subchapter and to the general rules in subchapter 13–200 and subchapter 13–300, a University person or organization may display a sign by holding or carrying it, by displaying it at a table (see subchapter 13–600), or by posting it on a kiosk, bulletin board, or other designated location. Signs may not be posted in any other location. Subject to viewpoint-----neutral size requirements, the Division of Housing and Food Service has designated the window and door of a residence hall room as locations where the resident(s) of that room may post signs. Section 13–506 lists other designated locations.*

**Section 13-505 A-Frames:** (a) *“A-frame” means a movable and self-supporting sign or board designed to stand on the ground. A-frames may not exceed five feet in height or width. Structures that do not meet this criterion will be considered exhibits and will be subject to the rules in subchapter 13-700.*

**Section 13-701 General Rule on Exhibits:** (b) *Academic or administrative units and registered student, faculty, or staff organizations may erect exhibits, subject to the rules in this subchapter and to the general rules in subchapter 13-200, subchapter 13-300, and subchapter 13-1000. Advance permission is required from the dean of students, except that an academic unit may authorize indoor exhibits in a space that it occupies and controls. Outdoor exhibits may not be erected on the Main Plaza between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM.”*

Whereas, the Board has found the campaign to be objectively and admittedly in violation of the aforementioned policy, the Board has deemed a Class A punishment as governed by the Student Government Election Code appropriate, a taxing of 5% (five percent) of the party in question’s allotted budget, as defined within the bounds of the additional resources granted within the context of a run-off, shall be levied.