

In Res Yaman Desai/ Whitney Langston (ESB / SG 2012 – 001)

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

In the matter of Yaman Desai and Whitney Langston, candidates for University of Texas Student Government (UTSG) President and Vice-President 2012-2013, heard on one count of violating University Institutional Rules in regard to trademarking and on multiple counts of campaigning before the sanctioned campaigning period, as defined in the Student Government Election Code.

On the count of violating University Institutional Rules the Board has found the party in question not to be in violation as defined by the Department of Trademarking. In regard to the multiple allegations of early campaigning the Board has found the party in question to be fully culpable in said transgression. Upon weighing the evidence provided*, the Board believes that all necessary steps were not taken to ensure the limited knowledge of their campaigning efforts. As a result other competitors were disadvantaged on multiple documented occasions - the earliest of which being October 25th, 2011.

Whereas, the Board has found the campaign to in violation, the Board has deemed a Class C punishment as governed by the Student Government Election Code appropriate. This punishment shall entail the levy of a 10% fine and a moratorium of all campaign activities for three (3) consecutive days. The moratorium is effective from the issuance of this ruling until 11:00 pm., February the 22nd. This restricts any activity defined as campaigning under the Student Government Election Code. Furthermore, the candidates, agents and workers shall

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refrain from any use or distribution of campaign materials as defined in the Student Government Election Code. All sanctioned activities may resume after the scheduled date.

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