

2015 Election Supervisory Board

In Res. Tanner Long, Braydon Jones and Kimia Dargahi

ESB Resolution: 2015-005

Chairman of the Election Supervisory Board Nicholas Andrew Molina delivered the majority opinion of the board:

In the matter of Braydon Jones and Kimia Dargahi, candidates for Student Government Executive Alliance during the 2015 campaign season, the Election Supervisory Board heard one complaint regarding prohibited and unsolicited emails regarding the Executive Alliance and another Student Government Officer-Elect.

Whereas: The complainant, [REDACTED], failed to meet the burden of proof as stated in Sec. 4.11 of the Student Government Election Code that states: “the complaining party should bear the burden of proof.”

Whereas: The complainant could not prove that coordination between the Executive Alliance and Tanner Long existed prior to Tanner Long’s email being sent to new “Officers Elect”.

Whereas: The event referenced in Tanner Long’s email was a public event where any student could be invited and attend;

Whereas: Tanner Long was no longer classified as a “Candidate”, and is now an “Officer-Elect”;

Whereas: Tanner Long submitted an affidavit to the Election Supervisory Board stating he had no affiliation to the Jones/Dargahi Executive Alliance and was providing his own opinion in regards to the upcoming run-off election;

Whereas: The Jones/Dargahi Executive Alliance also claimed that they had no coordination or cooperation in the email from Tanner Long;

Whereas: Tanner Long is not disclosed as a “Worker” or “Agent” in the Jones/Dargahi Executive Alliance;

Whereas: Tanner Long’s email is not un-solicited because the recipients were all Student Government Officers Elect who he would be working with in the next academic school year.

Therefore,
let it be

resolved: That after holding a hearing on the morning of Thursday, March 12, 2015, the Election Supervisory Board has determined that the burden of proof has not been met, and the complaint is being dismissed.

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resolved: That the Election Supervisory Board will be providing recommendations to Student Government in early-May 2015 on how to appropriately address the issue of Student Representative endorsements for future campaign seasons;

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resolved: That the complainant, [REDACTED], has the right to appeal this decision pursuant to Section 5.1 of the Election Code, which states: “*APPEAL OF ESB DECISION. Any party adversely affected by a decision of the Election Supervisory Board may file an appeal with the entity with appellate jurisdiction within twenty-four (24) hours after the adverse decision is announced unless the Election Supervisory Board’s decision takes place during a voting period.*”

In

conclusion: The Election Supervisory Board submits this resolution on Thursday, March 12th, 2015 with the majority of board members who were present at the hearing.

Nicholas Andrew Molina, Chair
Forrest Wolfe, Secretary

Preston Covington, Member

Zachary Long, Member

Ali Al-Nahi, Member

Caroline Carter, Alternate Member