

# 2016 Election Supervisory Board

In Res. Vanya Sharma

ESB Resolution: 2016-009

Election Supervisory Board Chair David Engleman delivered the majority opinion of the board:

*“In the matter of Vanya Sharma, Student Government Business Representative Candidate, the Election Supervisory Board heard a complaint outlining multiple counts of bribery.”*

Whereas, Section 5.10 of the Student Government Specific Election Code reads, *“BRIBERY. No candidate, agent, or worker may exchange anything of value or food-related items, excluding campaign material, in return for a promise of a vote at any time before, during and/or after the established campaign period,”* and,

Whereas, Section 4.11 (a) (v) of the Campus-wide Election Code reads, *“The complaining party shall bear the burden of proof,”* and,

Whereas, the complainant did not meet the burden of proof to show that a cookie was awarded in exchange for a promise of a vote, or denied if a voter was ineligible, had already voted, or had no intent to vote for the candidate, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Election Supervisory Board dismisses the complaint, effective immediately, and, therefore, be it further

Resolved, that pursuant to Section 5.1 of the Campus-wide Election Code, which reads, *“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,**”* the right to file an appeal is suspended, as the Election Supervisory Board’s decision takes place during a voting period,.

In conclusion, the Election Supervisory Board submits its resolution on Wednesday, March 2, 2016 with the majority of board members who were present at the meeting.

David Engleman, Chair

Sofia Aranha, Secretary

Matt Gmitro, Member

Elizabeth Vigants, Member

Erin Larson, Alternate Member