

Election Supervisory Board Advisory Opinion (ESB/AO 2018-004)

Subject: Definition of “all” in regards to the Financial Disclosure form

Whereas Sections 3.20 and 3.22 of the Student Government Election Code reads:

SEC. 3.20 RECEIPTS. Receipts must be provided for all campaign expenditures.

(a) All campaign-related expenses, except those specifically exempt within this code, shall be included in the candidate financial disclosure statements.

SEC. 3.22 FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES. Each candidate’s financial records must list identifying information (name, item, etc.) and amounts of each contribution and expenditure.

(a) Contributions and expenditures of non-monetary assets and in-kind efforts must be listed and valued at their fair-market value, as determined by the Election Supervisory Board.

(b) The efforts and services of declared campaign staff do not need to be included as ‘in-kind’ donations of efforts and services.

(b) Each financial disclosure statement must have all expenditure receipts attached.

(c) All expenses must be included in the financial disclosure report.

“All” in accordance to the above sections shall be taken to mean all campaign expenditures and in-kind donations in the given financial disclosure cycle, either beginning at the deadline of the previous financial disclosure statement, or at the start of the election cycle. “All” shall not mean a cumulative sum of all campaign funds and in-kind donations throughout the entire election cycle.

If campaign materials are used in multiple financial disclosure cycles, they shall be listed on the financial disclosure submission for each cycle they were used.

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