

Case: Emma Hansen Ballot Appeal

Heard by:

Cheryl Phifer, University Co-op Chief Executive Officer

Dylan Adkins, University Co-op Election Chairman

Issue:

Emma Hansen has been recently disqualified from the ballot for The University Co-op on grounds of not notifying the Election Supervisory Board of her absenteeism, as well as for not notifying them of a representative who was there on her behalf.

Information:

Emma Hansen, Co-op candidate, notified Dylan Adkins, Election Chairman for the University Co-op, of her absence on Tuesday, February 13th at 4:16PM due to an academic related issue. A representative was in attendance on her behalf for the duration of orientation. She did not notify the Election Supervisory Board of her absence. This miscommunication was not relayed by the Co-op Election Chairman to the Election Supervisory Board as the notice was thought to have been sent to both.

Further, Chapter IV: Candidate Eligibility, Rights and Duties (Subchapter B: The Candidate Orientation) [Item 4.15] of the current Student Election Code in place for the University Co-operative Society states that “Failure to attend the orientation shall put the absent candidate at a disadvantage over present candidates with respect to ballot positions as set forth below.” In addition, Chapter IV: Candidate Eligibility, Rights and Duties (Subchapter B: The Candidate Orientation) [Item 4.17] of the current Student Election Code states “No absent candidate may receive a ballot position above a candidate who was present at the Candidate Orientation. The first ballot position available to absent candidates shall be after the last position assigned to a candidate who was present.” The current code makes clear accommodation for candidates who are prevented from attending the orientation, and as such, both the Election Committee Chairman and the candidate both operated under the belief that her absence was not necessarily a disqualifying action. Emma Hansen will be listed last on the ballot as required by the current Student Election Code.

Election Committee for the Co-op Board of Directors – Approve reinstatement of Emma Hansen
Cheryl Phifer (CEO and President of the Board) – Approve reinstatement of Emma Hansen
Dr. Michael Hasler (Chairman of the Board) – Approve reinstatement of Emma Hansen

Meeting Resolution:

Reinstate Emma Hansen on the ballot for the University Co-op Board of Directors