

2018 Election Supervisory Board
In Res. Zachary Long
ESB Resolution: 2018-005

Election Supervisory Board Alternate Member Marissa Grabowski authored the majority opinion of the board:

“In the matter of an agent for the Colton Becker and Mehraz Rahman campaign posted a campaign video in the University of Texas Class of 2018 Facebook page”

Whereas, In Re: Mishmash vs. Samson, the Supreme Court determined that posting content in a social media group, which is generally available to the students at the University of Texas, does not violate any of the election codes, and;

Whereas, Election Supervisory Board Advisory Opinion (ESB/AO 2017-002) explains, “Do not send mass messages/group messages”, and;

Whereas, The Election Supervisory Board has made the decision to dismiss this case based on the ground that, The University of Texas 2018 Facebook group, has been made accessible for all students at the University of Texas, therefore, let it be:

Resolved, Candidates are able to post in public social media groups, as long as no notification is given to every member in it. Posting in these groups is not considered mass messaging, as no notification is given to members in the group.

Resolved, That any adversely affected party has the right to appeal this decision 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 the 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 its resolution on Thursday, March 1, 2018 with the majority of board members who were present at the meeting.

Affirmative Votes:

Jennifer Valdez, Chair
Alexandra George, Vice Chair
Spencer Buckner
Nrhari Duran
Farhan Kassam Ali
Taylor Newman
Marissa Grabowski