

Election Supervisory Board Resolution: 2023-001
In Res. Early Campaigning
(Resolved: Tuesday, February 14, 2023)

Election Supervisory Board, Riya Gantla, delivered the majority opinion of the board:

“In the matter of an Executive Alliance securing endorsements before the beginning of the campaigning period, rendering early campaigning”

Whereas, Section 7.1 of the Campus-Wide Election Code reads “The sanctioned campaign period shall begin at 12:01 a.m. on the Monday two weeks prior to the opening of the polls.”

Whereas, Section 7.4 of the Campus-Wide Election Code reads “All candidates are prohibited from campaigning, soliciting, or otherwise bringing attention to their campaign or election before the campaign period.

- a. This prohibition includes all attempts to secure endorsements, sponsorships, or any other presentation of information made for public consumption or use.
- b. However, this prohibition does not include the personal individual recruitment by a candidate of individual team members.”

Whereas, Section 2.3 of the Campus-Wide Election Code reads “‘CAMPAIGN’ AND ‘CAMPAIGNING’ refer to statements, literature, activities or deliberate uses or distribution of materials of any kind that have or are intended to have the effect of soliciting votes, support or interest for a candidate or elective office. Campaigning should only occur during the official campaign period as defined in this code.”

Whereas, Section 4.10 (v) of the Campus-Wide Election Code reads “The complaining party shall bear the burden of proof.”

Whereas, the complaining party provided evidence of the presence of the Boghs-Fuentes executive alliance in attendance of a Students for Planned Parenthood meeting in a campaign capacity.

Whereas, the Students for Planned Parenthood meeting took place on February 9th at 8 p.m., which is 4 days before the start of campaigning.

Whereas, the Boghs-Fuentes executive alliance brought attention to their campaign during this meeting by asking for input on a policy and presenting their platform.

Whereas, most of the members of the Students for Planned Parenthood in attendance at the meeting were not listed as agents or workers of the Boghs-Fuentes executive alliance.

Whereas, the Boghs-Fuentes executive alliance admits that the impact of their presentation could increase interest in their campaign

Whereas, that the Boghs-Fuentes executive alliance was found in violation of the Campus-Wide Election Code and will be penalized.

Whereas, the Election Supervisory Board Members present at the hearing has voted to issue a Class B violation, resulting in a 24-hour moratorium, and,

Whereas, Section 4.16 of the Campus-Wide Election Code explains “‘CONSEQUENCES OF A CLASS B OR C VIOLATION’ If, after a hearing, the Election Supervisory Board finds a candidate, or a candidate’s agents or workers, has committed a Class B or Class C violation, the Election Supervisory Board may restrict the candidate, or the candidate’s agents or workers, from engaging in some or all campaign activities for some or all of the remainder of the campaign period. If an order is issued covering only part of the remaining campaign period, it shall take effect within 24 hours so that after its termination, the candidate will have an opportunity to resume campaigning during the days immediately prior to and including the election days.

a. A moratorium of campaigning is defined as restricting a candidate, or a candidate’s agents or workers, from soliciting votes from students or promoting materials that have the intended purpose of soliciting votes.” therefore, be it,

Resolved, that Boghs-Fuentes executive alliance will receive a 24-hour moratorium from **08:00 a.m. CST on Wednesday, February 15th to 08:00 a.m. CST on Thursday, February 16th**; and

Resolved, that any adversely affected party has the right to appeal this decision pursuant to Section 4.18 of the Campus-Wide Election Code, which reads, “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.”

In conclusion, The Election Supervisory Board submits its resolution on Tuesday, February 14th, 2023, with a six-to-zero majority of the board members who were present at the meeting.

Affirmative Votes:

Soumith Reddy Palreddy (Chair)

Jenny Ainsworth (Vice-Chair)

Nanaafia K Adjei (Secretary)

Riya Gantla

Hugh Brown

Ty Gribble