

March 16, 2020

Decision on Appeal Re: Poster Violations – Sandeep Singh

Mr. Singh submitted an appeal (below) with regard to the initial decision. Mr. Singh claims ignorance to the fact that the posters were uploaded to Instagram and claims that maybe an administrator of the capilano\_confession Instagram page took photos of the physical poster and uploaded it to Instagram. This argument is very difficult to believe given the quality of the graphic posted on Instagram. Furthermore, Mr. Singh had more iterations of his poster uploaded on the capilano\_confession Instagram page than any other candidate, had it first posted in late February (prior to the campaign beginning) and from what I understand, the other candidates or their agents sent in the electronic poster to the page administrator to post, rather than the administrator looking to post random candidate posters. Finally, Mr. Singh includes the capilano\_confession Instagram page on his poster, unlike other candidates. He clearly has an affiliation, close connection or a desire for members to visit capilano\_confession with regard to these elections and is not unaware of its activities.

Mr. Singh also claims that the “first time the posters were uploaded on instagram page I was totally unaware of them and as soon as you called me I asked the administrator to remove them.” (as per Mar 14, 2020 at 11:20 email). However, the initial posting remains on the capilano\_confession page and includes a like by Mr. Singh (deepgill4456 as per screenshot 1 below). This shows that Mr. Singh knew about the posting and furthermore, that the posting still remains online to this day.

Finally, as part of my decision dated March 13, 2020, Mr. Singh was to remove all campaign posters online and those that were posted on campus by end of day on March 14, 2020. Mr. Singh’s campaign posters remain visible on campus as of March 16, 2020. As well, the initial posting that was to be removed before the campaign started remains on the capilano\_confession Instagram page.

All of these materials had to be approved by the Returning Officer before they were posted. This was not done and orders required of Mr. Singh, based on the March 13 decision were not adhered to.

The appeal is dismissed and furthermore I have no choice but to disqualify Mr. Singh from these elections for the above noted violations.



Ron Laufer  
Chief Returning Officer

**Sandeep Singh .**

5:13  
PM

Hi Ron

The posters were created by me but maybe when i put them on the csu board the administrator must have taken pictures from there.

Regards  
Sandeep

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**From:** Ron Laufer <[cro@csu.bc.ca](mailto:cro@csu.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2020 8:48 PM  
**To:** Sandeep Singh .  
**Subject:** Re: Decision on Violations

Hi Sandeep,

Did you create or have someone create the poster that was posted on bulletin boards in hallways on campus?

Thanks,

Ron

Chief Returning Officer  
Capilano Students' Union  
Cell - 604-715-4777

On Sun, Mar 15, 2020 at 3:31 PM Sandeep Singh . wrote:  
Hi Ron

Okay I got it. Also, I have no idea how the administrator got the poster as I told you that I have never asked him to post anything.

Regards  
Sandeep

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**From:** Ron Laufer <[cro@csu.bc.ca](mailto:cro@csu.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 15, 2020 3:37 AM  
**To:** Sandeep Singh .  
**Subject:** Re: Decision on Violations

Sandeep,

When I said "I will accept your email as an appeal if that is what you would like to submit as an appeal." that meant that I was going to consider your email as your appeal, not that the decision was overturned.

Again, just to say, that you are not allowed to have posters up at the moment. Any posters, posted online or on campus on the bulletin boards had to be approved by me in advance. They were not.

As you likely know, generally a candidate would send a poster to the administrator asking them to post the poster... how did the administrator get your poster the 2nd time?

Thanks,

Ron

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On Sat, Mar 14, 2020 at 11:20 AM Sandeep Singh . wrote:  
Hi there

Thank you so much accepting my appeal. Also, the first time the posters were uploaded on instagram page I was totally unaware of them and as soon as you called me I asked the administrator to remove them. And the second time when the posters were uploaded online again I was not aware of it at all. Maybe the instagram page who uploaded it for all other candidates was not aware of the fact that there are some policies of the campaign. I was aware of the physical poster on CSU board but was not aware of all other things happening online.

Regards  
Sandeep

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**From:** Ron Laufer <[cro@csu.bc.ca](mailto:cro@csu.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 14, 2020 4:01 PM  
**To:** Sandeep Singh .  
**Subject:** Re: Decision on Violations

Sandeep,

I understand the frustration and frankly I would prefer that we never have to sanction any candidates. I will accept your email as an appeal if that is what you would like to submit as an appeal.

Please however clarify. Are you stating that you have not created any posters of any kind (paper or digital), nor have you posted any campaign material

online. Furthermore, you are saying that you have never liked any of the posters on Instagram? Basically, I have the impression that you are saying someone else created all these posters and did that without your knowledge or consent. Please be sure you are telling me what actually happened as we have a fair amount of context surrounding what has happened in the election thus far.

Your appeal will be assessed and responded to officially.

Thanks,

Ron

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On Sat, Mar 14, 2020 at 1:49 AM Sandeep Singh . wrote:  
Hi there

This email is in response to the last mail that you sent me regarding the campaign violations. As per the allegations the online posters that were uploaded on the instagram page that were out of my knowledge and also were against the campaign rules and regulation. Sir, I want to bring this to your notice that i am not the one who administers the instagram page so there is no way that I have promoted my posters as a part of campaign. The first time you asked me to delete the posters and I immediately asked the person who is the administrator of the page to delete all the posters. And second time on March 11th when you mailed me regarding these posters again, I was totally unaware of what was happening and the person who posted my posters maybe wanted to support me but was unaware about the criteria of these elections and even he did not asked me before posting them on the page. And it is clearly visible through the screenshots that you have sent me because I did not reply or like to any of the comments done underneath the post.

I will make sure that nothing like this happens in the near future. Also, this is an appeal from my side that i know that the rules have been violated but I was not aware and not a part of that thing. So, keeping that in mind and viewing the whole situation please provide me a chance and accept my apologies.

This is my e-mail to you as an appeal and if there is any other form that is acceptable and any other way that I have to appeal you, please let me know.

I know elections should be an epitome of providing a fair chance to everyone and clearly you are doing your part in accomplishing that by bringing in my knowledge the violations conducted that were totally out of knowledge.

Hope to hear back from you soon.

Regards  
Sandeep.

# Screenshot 1

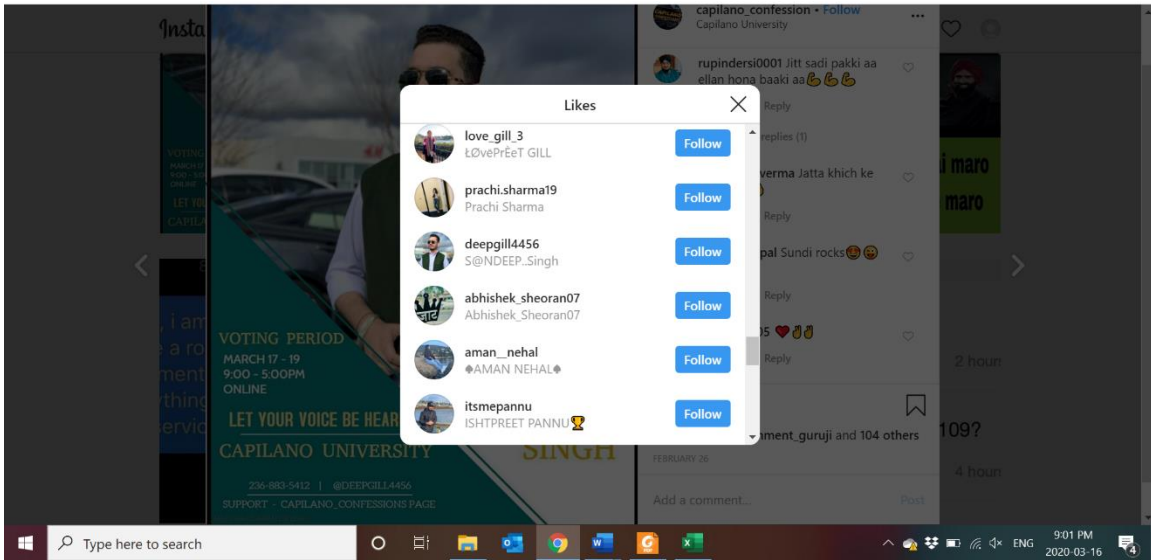


Photo 1 (Photographed March 16, 2020)

