

Decision CSU 2022 #1 Re: Slating

The attached complaint was received as timely and met all the requirements of an official complaint under the CSU regulations. The complaint alleges slating between candidates.

The complaint speaks of an incident that took place in the Maple Lounge on March 16th, 2022, with two candidates Loveleen and Karandeep approaching students in the CSU Maple Lounge and asking something to the effect of “If me and my friends are elected, what do you want to see at the CSU?”

The complaint requests I make an investigation into the matter. I have allowed for the three candidates in question to respond to the allegations and have noted other similar allegations published in the Capilano Courier.¹

CSU Bylaws Section VIII, Para 14 states:

Slates shall not be allowed in any elections to the Board.

CSU Procedure BD-06.1 states:

Pursuant to the bylaws, slates of candidates and slate-like behaviour by candidates, real or apparent, are prohibited. Each candidate must run an independent campaign for election, and candidates must not share campaign resources or expenses. A “slate”, in these rules, means two or more candidates who run together for elected offices for mutual advantage.

There were serious allegations made and the responses from the candidates provided clear proof that there was no such chance that these conversations took place on March 16th as each of the candidates showed reasonable proof that they were not present on campus at the time the incident allegedly took place.

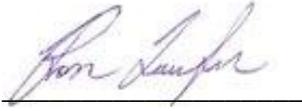
After receiving all the responses from the respondents, I reached out to the complainant to confirm the time and place of the incident. They realized that they made an error and that the alleged incident actually took place on March 15, 2022.

At this point, however, I will not further the investigation as it seems without greater evidence of the alleged event (video, photos or further credible, independent witnesses), there will not be sufficient evidence to prove the incident having actually occurred.

Given the above, the complaint is dismissed.

¹ See: <http://www.capilanocourier.com/2022/03/17/csu-executive-candidates-slate-like-behaviour/> Last accessed March 24, 2022

I note that the complainant has 48 hours from the time they receive this decision to submit an appeal in the manner set forth in CSU Regulation BD-06.1.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ron Laufer", is written above a solid horizontal line.

Ron Laufer
CSU Election Administrator

Official Complaint and most pertinent other unofficial complaints

Complaint Date: 3/17/2022 18:33:38
Complainant: Aryanna Chartrand
When issue occurred: 3/16/2022
Candidate: Lohit, Loveleen, Karandeep
Complaint: I was in the CSU Maple Lounge and heard Loveleen with Karandeep going up to students and asking students something to the effect of "If me and my friends are elected, what do you want to see at the CSU?"
Resolution requested: I would like an investigation into possible slating between candidates with similar campaigning strategies and possible media

RESPONSE FROM LOHIT GOYAL

I see that the complainant mentions they heard two potential candidates (Loveleen and Karandeep) at CSU Maple lounge on 3/16/2022.

I am not sure of the basis of this complaint against me, since I was not present at the location when the incident happened as described by the complainant themselves. Also as per the statement of the complainant '*If me and my friends are elected, what do you want to see at the CSU?*' The statement does not mention my name anywhere.

Nor I was present at the location neither my name was spoken by anyone at the time this incident occurred, so I am not sure how is it a complaint against me? I am also attaching my schedule for 3/16/2022 to provide more evidence on how my day looked at the time and date of incident. {Schedule redacted by Election Administrator}

RESPONSE FROM KARANDEEP SINGH

Karandeep Singh Sanghera

to me

Mon, Mar 21,
5:13 PM

Hello Ron

Here is my answer to the complaint.

I did not meet with Loveleen on 16 March in the Maple Lounge. This is wrong information. You may also confirm this from Loveleen with whom I have been accused of being seen.

Here is my timeline for 16 march:

I came to university for my morning class from 8:30 to 9:50. You can ask my instructor about this. His name is Bruno Tomberli, at Birch 315 (Phys104).

Then I campaigned from 10 to 1:30.

Then I left the university at 1:30 for my job. I work at 7-Eleven Westview drive, I have shift from 2.30pm to 10.30pm on that day. You have full accessibility to all cctv cameras of the campus and you can scan my activity for the whole day, what I did and whom I met etc.

And furthermore you can also confirm this from my job manager about my job. I hope this is enough to explain that the complaint is factless.

Presidential candidate
Karandeep Singh

RESPONSE FROM LOVELEEN

Mon, Mar 21,
7:06 PM

Loveleen .

to me

Hi Ron,

I would like to respond to the complaint and present my case.

This claim is completely false. To state it simply, on the 16th of March I wasn't present in the university at all. On 16 March 2022 , it was my work day (orientation) in Safeway, North Vancouver (I will mention the address at the end). You can ask my manager Dave for further investigation confirming I was working in Safeway from 9am till 5pm, and after that I went shopping in Surrey and then home. You may confirm this from whomever you want. All the relevant proof/links of my transit history will be attached below {Election Administrator redacted the transit history}. I think that also answers if I was there in the Maple lounge with Presidential candidate Karandeep Singh on the 16th of March or not. Secondly I have never said that statement throughout my campaign. And if I had, I would have used the correct pronoun 'if I was elected ' rather than 'if me ...'. I had read the rules and therefore understood that such behavior was not allowed. All I asked the students was 'if there were any changes they'd like to see, please share them with me.'

I understand it is the right of other candidates to complain if they feel the results are unjust but this is unacceptable. If she was really concerned with slating I believe Chartrand would have filed a complaint the moment she saw me doing so. Instead the complaint was filed right after the declaration of the unofficial results. Not only does it seem like the complainant Aryanna Chartrand is trying to defame me, but she is also accusing me of something I did not do. I was really disheartened to see such behavior from someone who is already working in the CSU. It makes me wary of the kind of people I will have to work with. I request the administration to look into the matter and see if someone has requested her to do this or if she has any ulterior motive for doing so. If I need to file a complaint for that to happen please let me know. And let me know if you need any specific proof, i will provide it.

Hope you had a good weekend.

Thank you
Loveleen