

March 16, 2023

Election Administrator's Decision

Decision #2023/4

The attached complaints were received as timely and met requirements of official complaints under the CSU regulations. Since they were submitted by the same complainant and deal with the same subject matter, this decision addresses both of them.

The complainant alleges that Candidates were improperly campaigning and leaving campaign leaflets lying around the library. He submitted photographs in support of his complaint.

At the beginning of the campaign, I sent an email to all candidates reminding them not to campaign near the information booth, including anywhere in the library lounge. However, there is no general rule against campaigning in the library as a whole. Since the alleged campaigning took place outside the library lounge, it is not in violation of the rule.

As regards the flyers left lying around, Election procedure BD-06.1 gives candidates 72 hours after the end of the campaign to clean up their campaign materials. Candidates leaving leaflets in the library - or non-candidates leaving them lying around after reading them – is not a violation of the rules, so long as candidates do the work to pick them up afterwards.

The complaint is dismissed.

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 black ink, appearing to read 'D. Ennis', written in a cursive style.

David Ennis
CSU Election Administrator

ANNEX 1 – Text of the Complaints

CSU Election Complaint Template

Submitted:

March 15, 2023 · 13:15

Your full name:

Javier Bautista

Capilano University email address:

javierbautista@my.capilanou.ca

What is the nature of your complaint?

I have an official election complaint

Candidate Complaint

This area may be blank if not applicable.

When did you learn about the issue you are complaining about?

2023

Are you a candidate, student, or other?

Candidate

Name of the person(s) you are complaining about.

Akshit Kansra, Manpreet Karandeep Singh Sanghera, Mantej Singh

Names and contact details (email address and/or telephone number) of any witness who can verify your complaint:

Ala-eddine Boukherys, alaeddineboukherys@my.capilanou.ca

Description of the issue in question:

As candidates we are not supposed to do campaign on the library according to the rules and also in case of giving out papers, we are supposed to be responsible for where those papers end up. In the meeting we had I believe this was made clear to everyone. Yesterday, the first day of the opening for votes, almost all candidates were campaigning in the library, handing out papers saying vote for them and leaving those papers in the floor, tables and sofas. I have uploaded pictures

Upload any evidence you may have here:



How would you like the issue to be resolved?

Take them out of the election. It is unfair they had people know about them in a way that was against the rules and they disrupt people from study. Also there is no way I compete with that strategy since they made their names pop up in the first day of the elections.

Do you wish to remain anonymous?:

No, I understand that my identity will be published with my complaint

CSU Election Complaint Template

Submitted:

March 15, 2023 · 13:40

Your full name:

Javier Bautista

Capilano University email address:

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What is the nature of your complaint?

I have an official election complaint

Candidate Complaint

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When did you learn about the issue you are complaining about?

2023

Are you a candidate, student, or other?

Candidate

Name of the person(s) you are complaining about.

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Names and contact details (email address and/or telephone number) of any witness who can verify your complaint:

Matthew Cooper, Matthewcooper3@my.capilanou.ca

Description of the issue in question:

He is giving papers to vote for him on the library, hence not following the rule of campaigning outside the library.

Upload any evidence you may have here:



How would you like the issue to be resolved?

Have him disqualified from the elections since he is breaking the rules and wrongly competing against the other candidates.

Do you wish to remain anonymous?:

No, I understand that my identity will be published with my complaint