

Decision CSU 2022 #6 Re: Voting Solicitation Violation

During the course of investigating several other complaints regarding this election, I received an allegation from a member stating that Loveleen had been campaigning on the morning of March 15, 2022 and the member stated that they were "made to vote for her" (her being Loveleen). The member alleged that Loveleen had the member scan a QR code on her flyer and put such pressure on the member that the member felt obliged to vote for Loveleen as Loveleen watched the member cast their vote on their phone.

CSU Procedure BD-06.1 states:

The following forms of campaigning are prohibited: ... (d) Applying pressure, encouragement, or a requirement for a voter to cast an electronic vote in the presence of a candidate, or passing around devices upon which a voter is pressured, encouraged, or required to vote;

The allegations brought by the member are extremely serious. The member that raised this concern noted that Loveleen was approaching several other members in the same fashion and attempting to get them to vote in the same manner.

The individual provided me the receipt of their vote (Annex #1), which shows that the member voted for Loveleen as alleged and voted in one other race where they knew the candidate they had a preference for. The timestamp on the voting receipt is consistent with the information provided by the member.

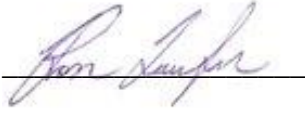
After speaking to the member on the phone, I found them to be credible and their allegation remains consistent between other allegations in other complaints as well as the timing of the voting receipt I obtained from them (after informing them of the possibility of attaining a receipt). Furthermore, I reached out to campus security to see if they could verify the events described at this time and they were able to verify that someone fitting Loveleen's description was hovering over the person that made the allegations at the exact time the voting receipt timestamp occurred. This proves that Loveleen was in the presence of the voter at the time vote was cast, which is a violation of the Capilano procedure described above.

These alleged incidents breach some of the most fundamental elements of an election process. The secrecy of the vote is a primary foundation of any election. As well, the ability to cast ones vote individually and without duress is critical.

The campaigning at hand was clearly a violation of these fundamental elements of an election. I further note that this is not Lovleen's first violation during this election as Loveleen was issued a warning regarding a poster violation earlier in the campaign.

Given the above-described violation during the voting process, I have determined that serious violations that erode the trust of the CSU membership took place. Given this, Loveleen is disqualified from this election.

I note that Loveleen 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 over a horizontal line.

Ron Laufer  
CSU Election Administrator

ANNEX 1

**Voting receipt - CSU General Election  
2022**

Receipt code: [REDACTED]

Time of vote: 2022-03-15 09:25:06

**America/Vancouver**

IP address: [REDACTED]

President: (1) Lomelino, Maia  
(2) Kular, Devon C.  
(3) Singh, Karandeep

Vice-President External: **Abstain**

Vice-President Equity & Sustainability: **Loveleen**

Vice-President Finance & Services: **Abstain**

Vice-President Student Affairs: **Abstain**

Students of Colour Liaison: **Abstain**

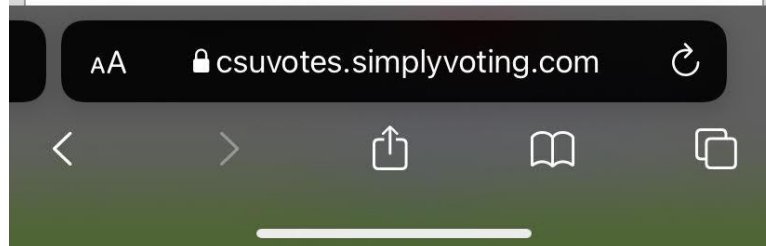
Mature & Parents Students Liaison: **Abstain**

Women Students Liaison: **Abstain**

At-Large Representative: **Abstain**

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## Official Complaint and most pertinent other unofficial complaints

Complaint Date: 3/25/2022 14:17  
Complainant:  
When issue occurred: 3/15/2022  
Candidate Loveleen  
Complaint: Was approached in cafeteria and made to vote for her  
Resolution requested: Consider redoing the elections because of the allegations against multiple candidates.

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### RESPONSE FROM LOVELEEN

**Loveleen .**

Tue, Mar 29,  
6:41 PM

to me

Hi Ron

Here is what I have to say.

I was campaigning on campus on 15th yes, but this is a false allegation. I was just going around distributing pamphlets and asking students to read my candidate statement. That was what had happened. Neither I forced or pressured anyone to vote for me nor anyone voted in front of me.

Again as I said earlier, I have no issues responding to any allegations but Ron all these are really stretching reality. I didn't say much before but I don't like all these false claims being made against me. Even in Capilano courier, they have published multiple false incidents in the article. I wasn't on campus on 16th, or follow anyone in the Arbutus building or force students to vote for me. Below I have attached screenshots to showing where Capilano courier doesn't seem like a reliable source. I have already proved I wasn't on campus on 16th and you can check that I wasn't in Arbutus either. All this is very stressful for me on the account that none of it is true or backed up by any factual information.

Sincerely

Loveleen



*VP candidate Jashan Brar. The student could not see Brar during this interaction, and did not cast their vote at the time.*

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*Update on March 20 at 10:30am: The Courier received a message from an anonymous student who claims that they were “followed [around] for more than 15 minutes” by CSU VP Equity & Sustainability candidate Loveleen on March 16 in the Arbutus building. Although the student didn’t cast their ballot that day, they said they “avoided going to [campus the next day] to avoid such further interactions.”*