

Decision CSU 2022 #8 & #9 Re: Voting Solicitation Violation

The attached complaints were received as timely and met requirements of an official complaint under the CSU regulations.

Complaints #8 & 9 state that Loveleen or individuals acting on behalf of Loveleen violated the CSU election policy on “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 concerning, but it’s uncertain if a breach of the CSU election regulations occurred. Complaint #8 states that Karandeep was seen grabbing people’s phones and casting votes on these phones, ostensibly in support of Loveleen. In this complaint, the complainant listed a witness, but that witness was not aware of the situation described in the complaint.

Complaint #9 is not entirely clear, but seems to state that Loveleen was seeking to grab the phone of another voter to cast a vote for herself. However, as Loveleen states, the complaint seems to contradict itself and note that she was not willing to touch the members phone given it is against the rules. This complaint also included other witnesses, but the witnesses did not provide any greater evidence than what was already submitted in the complaint.

If Karandeep or Loveleen was holding the mobile phones of other members while casting votes for them or pressure was put on members to cast a vote in front of these individuals this would be grounds for sanction. Indeed, the secrecy of the vote is a primary foundation of any election. As well, the ability to cast ones vote without duress is critical. However, complaints #8 and #9 lack compelling evidence to prove these incidents occurred.

Given this lack of evidence, the complaint is dismissed.

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.



Ron Laufer
CSU Election Administrator

ANNEX 1

Official Complaint

Complaint Date: #8 - 7/10/2022 23:53 #9 – 8/10/2022 2:00

Complainant:

When issue occurred: #8 - 6/10/2022 #9 – 6/10/2022

Candidate Loveleen

Complaint: #8: My friends told me on 06/10/2022 that Karandeep Singh President of CSU, visited residence on 4th or 5th of October and asked to vote for his friend. He asked to bring students phone and he did the voting on his own by grabbing their phone. My friend told me he grabbed around 15-20 students phone for cast the vote on their behalf. Also, he was asking him to bring more as much as he can. I need to take some strict action against President and disqualify Loveleen for whom he was asking for votes

#9: I was discussing the election results with my friends. And there is something I came to know about the means loveleen used to gain votes. My friend said that loveleen came to him and told him that I used to be a vice president of CSU. And started appealing emotionally by stating her family's family condition. Then my friend said that he told loveleen that he is new and he doesn't know the process. But loveleen was reluctant to move out of there. she asked him to vote immediately. He grabbed his phone and asked loveleen to vote herself. But she denied to use his phone by saying that she is not allowed to touch his phone and said that she will explain everything by staying at a difference. And she narrated every step of csu to vote herself. This is disqualification from whether or not she won or not.

Issues are - she had votes from supporters by staying near them and asking them to vote for herself.

- she misrepresented herself as ex-csu member to gain votes

Resolution requested: Disqualification

RESPONSE FROM LOVELEEN RE: COMPLAINT #8

Loveleen

Sat Oct 12,
11:27 PM

to me

The complaint is heresy, unless the complainant's friend identified themselves to you or made the complaint themselves. Still as I must respond to it, I read the alleged complaint and as is obvious, it's technically against Karandeep Singh so I reached out to him. Confirming my belief, he too states that the complaint is untrue. Here are his time stamps of the days under question. All records of his transit tracks/ Google location and receipts from places he was at are added below.

Evidence attached.

Words from Karandeep

"3rd October - I came to University in the morning where I attended a meeting csu*Capu. Afterwards I was speaker at Capu pride crosswalk event. Later on I went to Westview to meet a friend and then we went to her home and you can verify anything from my Google maps.

4 October - I arrived University early morning and then had my office hours followed by executive meeting and then I had massage in library lounge. then I had my classes and later on I got some issue with some student in Library lounge everyone's proof of that. Later I went to Tempelton for shopping and around 9pm I went back home

5 Oct- I didn't come to University my health was not good later I went to Pacific Mall at Vancouver City centre for shopping and later on followed by dinner at Broadway.

6 October - I went to university had my class later on I had lunch at Library 321 room Chris was with me and then we went to Seymour pub at the end."

"Please keep in mind that this evidence includes my address, daily routes taken etc. so, I request that you keep all this personal information confidential and just for your own verification "

Considering how complainants like to switch dates after being proven wrong I've also added his time sheet for the 3rd (a day before) and 6th Oct (the day after).

Now adding to this, while he was shopping (receipts added), there was also a call conversation between Chris and him, so you can confirm from there too.

You can also check his phone location logs for any of those days, the extras included.

I would've liked to express my and his distress over such a blatant lie, but I've learned my lesson about sticking to facts as that makes the procedure easy for everyone. I hope my information is helpful.

Sincerely

Loveleen

RESPONSE FROM LOVELEEN RE: COMPLAINT #9

Loveleen

Sat Oct 11,
11:31 PM

to me

Again, this complaint too is heresy. I understand a complainant's wish to remain anonymous, but they should make the complaint directly to you instead of someone else using their words. As for my response, I anticipated that like last year people would try to frame me to the best of their abilities, so I had my phone recorder on for the whole of the polling period. For the matter at hand, I'll clarify the specific parts of discussion for you.

My comment was "after losing due to complaints against me last year I didn't even tell my parents I'm running for the election again" and I only spoke the sentence maybe once or twice to my friends. This was neither appealing to anyone nor an emotional lie. As for the second part, I don't see what explanation is needed. The complainant in their friends' words says that I refused to touch any phones, I just explained the voting procedure upon being asked and then walked away to give the student privacy to vote. To be fair the statements of the complaint are a kind of controversial. For one it says the student was new and asked for my help and later claims I coerced them. Again, although it is ridiculous, I'll let you deal with the facts and the evidence.

Sincerely

Loveleen