

March 19, 2023

Election Administrator's Decision

Decision #2023/8

The attached complaint was received as timely and met requirements for an official complaint under the CSU regulations. As the complainant expressed a wish to remain anonymous, information identifying them has been redacted.

The complainant alleges that supporters of Parteek Singh were holding elector's devices while the elector's ballots were open. In support of this allegation the complainant submitted an MP4 video. They were also able to identify a witness by name but was not able to provide any contact information for that person.

I attempted to identify the witness named in the complaint by searching CSU registration records. Although I was able to identify a person by that name, she did not respond to a request for information sent to her Capilano University email address.

I also reviewed the video sent by the complainant, but it was not clear to me that the people holding phone in that video were looking at ballots or holding other people's devices.

The allegations in the complaint are troubling. However, in this case, there is not enough evidence to establish that the alleged violations actually took place. In particular, the absence of any witness willing to say that someone held their device is crucial. I did not find the video, on its own, to be clear evidence of wrongdoing.

Accordingly, 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 – Official complaint

CSU Election Complaint Template

Submitted:

March 15, 2023 · 14:15

Your full name:

[redacted]

Capilano University email address:

[redacted]

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?

Mar 15, 2023

Are you a candidate, student, or other?

[redacted]

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

Parteek Singh

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

I am attaching proofs

Description of the issue in question:

I found friends of Parteek asking for votes in a wrong manner, opening ballots and all while holding phones asking votes for Parteek. This is against the rules. I have video proof and time records, of today, 15 March 2023, at (12:12 pm) in the lower birch cafeteria area. You can check the ballot and any cameras for this. Name of the one voter was Anshita as she told me, you can check the ballot with the responding time (12:20pm), they went to many people before and after this just check the camera for a while you can figure that easily, also I am attaching two videos with this in which you can see the ballot open clearly and then holding mobile phone of the students. They are doing this a lot and who knows how many votes they grabbed this way and these all are clearly against the rule of CSU elections. I also have other records from yesterday. I have two videos in which there were different campaigners than these doing similar things. They are using different campaigners for different day of voting, which I believe are also not registered by them, I am also attaching the video for the same. Furthermore there is also possibility of slating which also violation of rules as I am attaching proofs with this regarding the same too. I would be happy to contact you in any manner for any sort of detail, also I reported all this to Emily the officer present at the moment. I would love you to keep the proofs till you if possible but if it effect any process or investigation then you can use certain proof.

All videos are not getting attached, sending you all other through email.

Upload any evidence you may have here:

[MP4 Video file]

How would you like the issue to be resolved?

These are multiple serious offences, I believe disqualification will be a good resolution.

Do you wish to remain anonymous?:

Yes, I wish to remain anonymous, even if it limits action on my complaint