

March 19, 2023

Election Administrator's Decision

Decision #2023/9

The attached complaint was received as timely and met requirements for an official complaint under the CSU regulations.

The complainant, who was a Candidate for CSU President, alleges that candidates Manpreet Kaur and Karandeep Singh Sanghera were slating (i.e. running as a group) contrary to the rules. The complainant submitted an audio recording of himself talking to an elector that he says shows that one of these candidates asked her to vote for the other.

I contacted the witness in question and she was unable to corroborate the allegation. From listening to the audio, it sounds as though she is mostly agreeing to whatever the complainant says, perhaps in the hope of terminating the conversation. The complainant can also clearly be heard asking the witness if she voted for him, which is not appropriate thing for a candidate to do.

In the present case, there is no evidence of slating by the respondents, but clear evidence of inappropriate and aggressive campaigning by the complainant.

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', is positioned above the printed name and title.

David Ennis
CSU Election Administrator

ANNEX 1 – Official complaint

CSU Election Complaint Template

Submitted:

March 17, 2023 · 10:39

Your full name:

Parteek singh

Capilano University email address:

parteeksingh@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?

Mar 15, 2022

Are you a candidate, student, or other?

Candidate

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

MANPREET AND KARANDEEP

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

[redacted]

Description of the issue in question:

The person in the recording didn't know that I was recording, but they knew me from like spring semester. The person was common friends with manpreet and me, But when i asked for her vote in the classroom in-front of everyone they said they will vote for me, but during the voting she was there with manpreet, i think volunteering with her. And thru that i knew that manpreet would have asked them to vote for Karandeep too, i had my doubts then after my class I confirmed that she had voted for me but then i wanted to ask did manpreet asked them to vote for Karandeep too, In my recording the person said 'yes' that manpreet asked them to vote for Karandeep but when i asked them they said i voted for you. But they were apparently approached by manpreet. And she was slating for Karandeep and vice versa.

Upload any evidence you may have here:

[audio recording]

How would you like the issue to be resolved?

DISQUALIFYING BOTH THE CANDIDATES.

Thank you.

Do you wish to remain anonymous?:

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