

October 12, 2023

## **Election Administrator's Decision**

Decision# 2023/B/21

I received a complaint that met the requirements of an official complaint under CSU Election Regulation BD-06.1 from a student who wished to remain anonymous.

The complainant alleges that Ms. Khushpreet Kaur, who is not a candidate, approached a student in the library who was working on her computer and encouraged that student to vote for candidate Amritpal Singh

The complainant submitted a video that shows Ms. Kaur approach a student and shows the student opening her CSU ballot on her computer screen while the two talk. Ms. Kaur repeatedly gestures at the open ballot. The complainant says that the student later told him that Ms. Kaur asked her to vote for candidate Amritpal Singh. However, the complainant was unable to provide the name or contact information for the student. The complainant was unable to provide any other evidence that Ms Kaur asked the woman to vote for Amritpal Singh.

Election Regulation BD-06.1 says (on page 7) that

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, with a violation of this prohibition always deemed a serious offence;

Election Regulation BD-06.1 also provides (on page 6) that

A candidate is responsible for the conduct of everyone working their campaign, and any offence committed by a campaigner is an offence by the candidate.

I wrote to Ms. Kaur and she remembered the incident but denied asking the student to vote for any candidate. She denied asking anyone to change their vote that day and said that she said she was merely showing the student in question how to vote.

I wrote to Mr. Singh to ask for his comment, but he did not respond.

Although the situation is troubling, there is not enough evidence before me to reach a conclusion about what happened. While not dismissing it entirely, I cannot give much weight to the anonymous complainant's allegation that the (unidentified) student told him that Ms. Kaur asked her to vote for Mr. Singh. Indeed, there is no compelling evidence that Ms. Kaur was working on Mr. Singh's campaign at all. Given these findings, 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 Procedure BD-06.1.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Ennis', with a stylized flourish at the end.

David Ennis  
CSU Election Administrator