

October 5, 2023

Election Administrator's Decision

Decision# 2023/B/9

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

The complainant alleges that candidate Nitika Singla improperly posted campaign materials on an Instagram account called the "CapU_Confession". She argues that "People aren't allowed to use external pages that aren't accessible to everyone."

CSU Procedure BD-06.1 provides that

a candidate must not use any of the resources, equipment, spaces, services, or supplies of the Capilano Students' Union in any of the candidate's campaign activities unless the same are available to every other candidate, and the candidate has paid fair market value for their use

The Instagram account in question is a private account and not operated or controlled by CSU or the university. For that reason, the rule above is not applicable. I see no violation of the rules here and 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.



David Ennis
CSU Election Administrator

ANNEX 1 – OFFICIAL COMPLAINT

CSU Election Complaint Template

Submitted:

October 3, 2023 · 15:40

Your full name:

Niko O Williamson

Capilano University email address:

nikowilliamson@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?

Oct 3, 2023

Are you a candidate, student, or other?

Student

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

Nikita

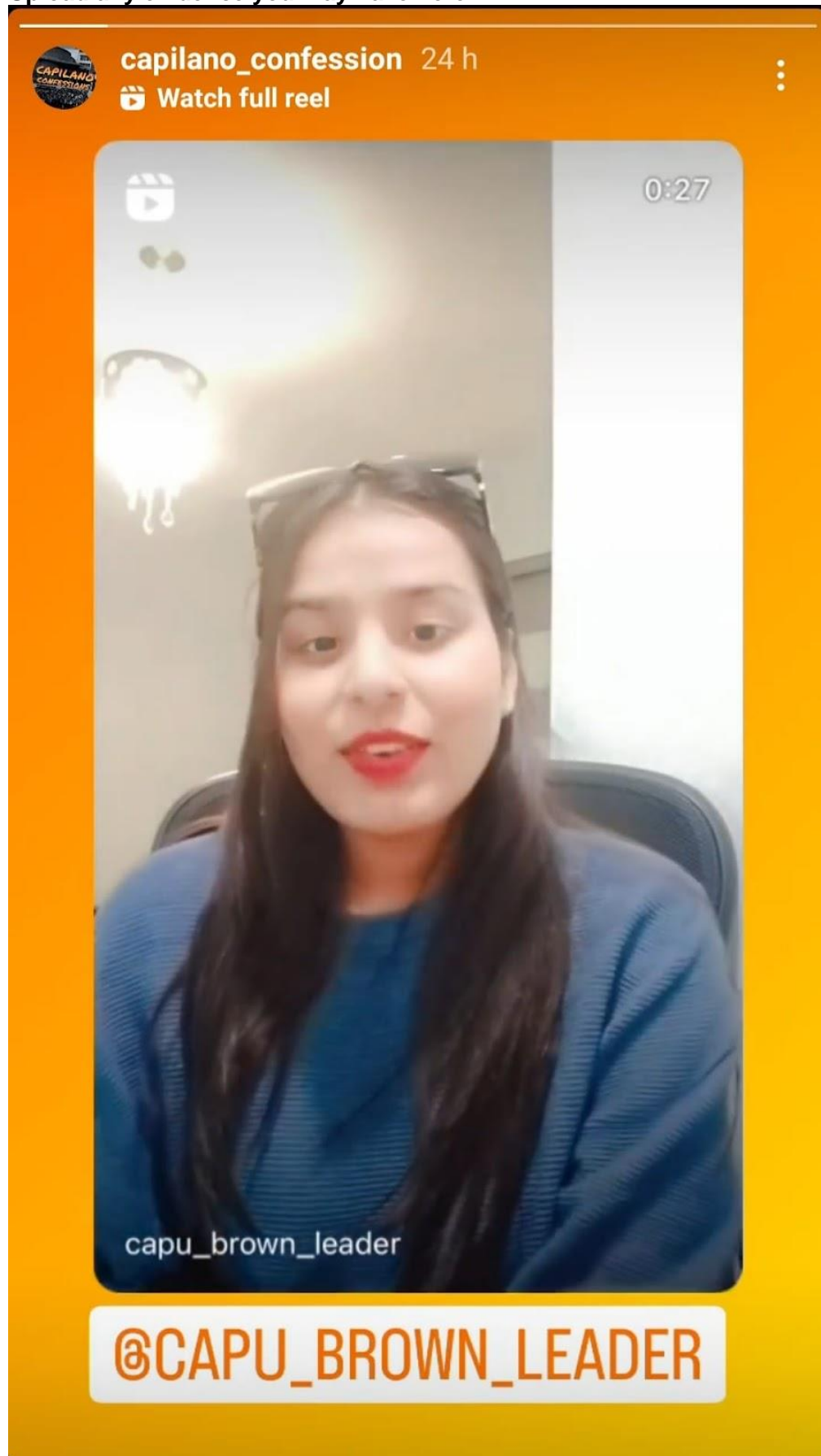
Names and contact details (email address and/or telephone number) of any witness who can verify your complaint:

Niko Williamson nikowilliamson@capilanou.ca

Description of the issue in question:

People aren't allowed to use external pages that aren't accessible to everyone

Upload any evidence you may have here:



The image shows a screenshot of an Instagram Reel. At the top left, there is a circular profile picture for 'capilano_confession' and the text 'capilano_confession 24 h' next to it. Below the profile name is a 'Watch full reel' button. The main video area shows a woman with long dark hair, wearing a blue sweater and sunglasses on her head. The video has a play button icon in the top left corner and a timer '0:27' in the top right corner. At the bottom left of the video, the text 'capu_brown_leader' is visible. Below the video, there is a white rounded rectangle containing the text '@CAPU_BROWN_LEADER' in orange.

@CAPU_BROWN_LEADER

How would you like the issue to be resolved?

Sanctions for breaking the rules such as campaigning restrictions or disqualification

Do you wish to remain anonymous?:

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