

8:00 PM, April 12, 2011

The Student Elections Commission received the following complaint from Matthew Bae at 11:15 AM on April 12, 2011, assigned reference number 1:

We put up campaign materials on the free expression area on April 11, 2011. Today, April 12, 2011, several of our pictures have been covered up.

The rules explicitly state:

"The defacement, removal, or blocking of any campaign materials is expressly prohibited. Any materials effectively blocking campaign items must be removed immediately"

After consideration of the complaint, the SEC has issued the following ruling:

Based on the evidence submitted by the complainant and collected independently by the SEC, we cannot find that a violation of the elections code has taken place at this time. It is not clear that the campaign material in question was blocked with malicious intent by another campaign; as such, the SEC has deferred a vote on the matter pending further investigation.

The SEC wishes to remind campaigns that the intentional defacement, removal, or blocking of campaign material by any candidate or campaign staffer is a violation of Elections Code section 3.4.03, and is punishable by a minimum of 50 violation points, but no more than 200.

After further consideration, the SEC has issued the following ruling (effective April 16):

As we have found no evidence of the "Rhettvolution" slate's commission of this violation, the SEC finds with a vote of 4-0 (2 abstentions) that the "Rhettvolution" slate will not be assessed any violation points for this incident.