

Boston University | Student Elections Commission

Official Statement

April 25, 2013

The Student Elections Commission received the following complaints assigned reference number two:

Alexander Golob at 5:23 PM on April 24, 2013

Name of Violator: BU Ignition

Location of Violation: Clafin Hall

Date of Violation: April 23, 2013

The violation took place Tuesday morning around 7:30. I was in my room and saw the ignition flier slipped underneath my door. Doing this is not permitted under the student lifebook in the nonacademic section under "solicitation."

In the evening, several of my friends had said that they received fliers as well.

The attached image was taken at 7:37 am after the flier was slipped underneath my door.

Rebecca Lee at 8:34 PM on April 24, 2013

Name of Violator: BU Ignition

Location of Violation: Towers Dormitory

Date of Violation: April 22, 2013

Postcard slipped under doors of halls.

Jennifer McIntyre at 9:18 PM on April 24, 2013

Name of Violator: BU Ignition

Location of Violation: Warren Towers

Date of Violation: April 23, 2013

A student government card was slipped under my door without my permission.

Michelle Zeng at 10:42 PM on April 24, 2013

Name of Violator: BU Ignition

Location of Violation: Towers East

Date of Violation: April 22, 2013

A BU Ignition postcard was slipped into my room, violating solicitation policies set forth by Boston University and violating EC 3.4.05.

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

Based on the evidence, the SEC finds that the BU Ignition slate has violated EC 3.4.05 “Campaign tools, materials, tactics, etc. may not violate the policies of Boston University, including but not limited to those of the Student Activities Office, the Ofce of Housing, and the Office of Residence Life, as well as policies set forth in the Boston University Lifebook.”

After extremely thorough investigation, the SEC has found that the BU Ignition slate has violated the Boston University Student Lifebook on two separate accounts under Nonacademic and Residential Policies. The rules broken are as follows:

- A) “Solicitation, sale, or promotion of any goods or services by any person or company is prohibited within University residences, except as approved in writing by the Director of Housing.”
- B) “To increase security, promote privacy and quiet, and reduce harassment of students, no door-to-door solicitation or distribution of literature is permitted within the residences. Residents will be held accountable for their guests who are found soliciting.”

The point value for violation of campaign rule 3.4.05 is stated as follows in the Elections Code:

Violation of EC 3.4.05: Candidates or campaigns employing tools, materials, tactics, etc. that violate the policies of Boston University will be charged violation points as follows:

- a) Violations of the policies established by the University Lifebook will result in the charge of no less than 100 violation points but no more than 200 violation points, depending on the severity of the policy violated.

The BU Ignition slate is charged 200 violation points for the solicitation/promotion of goods in University residences without approval in writing from the Director of Housing. According to Boston University Residence Life, “the BU campus is divided into six smaller residential campuses—Lower Bay State Road, Upper Bay State Road, Warren Towers, South Campus, Upper Commonwealth Avenue, and West Campus.”

The BU Ignition slate is charged 200 violation points for door-to-door solicitation or distribution of literature within the residences of West Campus and an additional 200 violation points for door-to-door solicitation or distribution of literature within the residences of East Campus.

In conclusion, The BU Ignition is charged a total of 600 violation points for violating EC 3.4.05 on three separate accounts.