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Appeal, Reference #18

On April 8, 2014 at 4:24 PM, the Student Elections Commission (SEC) received the following appeal for Complaint Reference #18 from Cassandra Shavney of TrueBU:

Alexander Golob is meeting with the Dean of Students office to discuss Push to Start's acquisition of TrueBU's intellectual property. Alexander will explain the outcome of the meeting tonight at 8pm.

Findings

In addition to this appeal, in-person testimony was considered in this ruling. TrueBU concedes that their material was not officially copyrighted but that their intellectual property was stolen. TrueBU claims that both the Academic Conduct Code and the Lifebook govern intellectual property.

The SEC finds this claim too difficult to substantiate. There is no concrete evidence provided by TrueBU that their work was copied by BU's Push to Start.

The SEC met in person to consider this appeal. In a 6-0 ruling, the SEC upholds its decision in Complaint Reference #18. Three members of the SEC were absent for this vote, but one of those members was present for discussion of the appeal.