

Boston University | Student Elections Commission

Official Statement



April 9, 2014

Appeal, Reference #4

On April 8, 2014 at 5:14 PM, the Student Elections Commission (SEC) received the following appeal for Complaint Reference #4 from Cassandra Shavney of TrueBU:

We would like launch an appeal against the ruling that TrueBU is connected to the posting of our postcard on a dorm room door in Myles Standish Hall. The slate and all of our campaign staffers are aware of Section 3.4.08. Please see the attached photo for a confirmation of this fact.

Without explicit evidence (photo, video, eye witness), there is no way to prove that the postcard was physically posted on the door by anyone on the TrueBU slate or by a member of TrueBU's campaign staff. We would like to appeal the decision to charge TrueBU with 1 violation point because it cannot be proven that the postcard was posted by anyone connected to the TrueBU campaign: innocent until proven guilty.

Findings

The SEC agrees that there is no concrete proof that TrueBU posted this postcard on the door in Myles Standish Hall. Likewise, TrueBU provided evidence campaign staff were instructed not to do so.

The SEC met in person to consider this appeal. In a 6-0 ruling, the SEC reverses its decision in Complaint Reference #4. Three members of the SEC were absent for this vote.

Pursuant to this appeal, 1 violation point is deducted from TrueBU. This leaves TrueBU with 450 violation points.