

Boston University | Student Elections Commission

Official Statement



April 9, 2014

Appeal, Reference #5

On April 8, 2014 at 12:32 PM, the Student Elections Commission (SEC) received the following appeal for Complaint Reference #5 from Hamilton Millwee of TrueBU:

To put it concisely, we simply did not use Mugar Library to campaign in any way shape or form -- that includes the posting of fliers. We ordered 10,000 of those fliers and handed them out to people going into the GSU, people on the sidewalk outside of Marsh Plaza, and people already inside the GSU. Unsurprisingly, many of these students did not want to keep the postcards for an extended period of time and likely littered them in the first place they were headed (sometimes, Mugar). None of these people were our campaign staff members because we explicitly told them any passing out of fliers in Mugar isn't in compliance with the SEiC.

The ones stalls on both the first and second floors are likely people just dropping them or posting them up of their own regard. Males have a tendency to plaster things on walls of bathrooms whenever they can, regardless of what material that may be.

Another option is that, following the scandal of sliding postcards under the doors of student's dorms last year, the opposing slate found an easy way to dock us 100 points simply by posting a few postcards on the walls and taking photographs of them.

Regardless of what option may be true, we as a campaign can tell you definitively that none of our campaign staff members did this. While this phrase is generally reserved for guilty individuals, you have absolutely no proof to the contrary.

Findings

After considering all of the evidence provided by TrueBU, the SEC has determined that there is no way to verify who posted the TrueBU postcard in the Mugar Library bathroom. TrueBU provided evidence showing that they told their staff members not to do this, and this is sufficient enough evidence to show a concerted effort to not break this rule.

The SEC met in person and via email to consider this complaint. In an 8-0 ruling, the SEC reverses its decision on Complaint Reference #5. One member of the SEC was absent for this vote.

Pursuant to this appeal, 100 violation points are deducted from TrueBU. This leaves TrueBU with 451 violation points.