

Boston University | Student Elections Commission

Official Statement



April 9, 2014

Appeal, Reference #9

On April 7, 2014 at 11:54 PM, the Student Elections Commission (SEC) received the following appeal for Complaint Reference #9 from Richa Kaul of BU's Push to Start:

With regards to the part of this complaint about the SM131 class, I strongly believe that it should count as two separate 50-point violations. The violation occurred on two separate days and each time, different materials were handed out. Each instance is its own violation because each instance violates the Lifebook policy. Furthermore, the way the SM131 curriculum is set up, the first violation was made on a Tuesday class which is a discussion. The second violation was made on a Friday class which is a lab section which requires computers, giving voters an easy way to respond immediately, and making these two different situations and two different violations.

If a candidate or slate was only penalized once for every "type" of infraction, they could continue performing the same infraction and only get penalized once, which wouldn't be an incentive to stop.

Findings

The SEC met in person and via email to consider this appeal. In a 9-0 ruling, the SEC upholds its decision in Complaint Reference #9 on grounds that no new evidence was offered in this appeal. The SEC addressed both violations at the same time, and both violations served the same purpose. All members of the SEC were present for this vote.