

Boston University | Student Elections Commission

Official Statement



April 7, 2014

Question at hand

On April 7, 2014 at 11:40 AM, the Student Elections Commission (SEC) received the following complaint:

As mentioned in a previous complaint, TrueBU was offering voters a laptop at Marsh Plaza to vote for them. This was considered coercive and a Cease and Desist Order was issued by the SEC. In addition, it also violates Section 5.1.02 of the SEC Elections Code, part a, subsection i which states that "Votes will be recorded anonymously." By offering a laptop for students to vote on the spot, the votes were not anonymous and linked candidates directly with voters.

Findings

The SEC met in person to consider this complaint. In a 9-0 ruling, the SEC voted to dismiss this complaint, as there was no proof that such an incident actually occurred. A Cease and Desist Order was issued prior to stop this activity from happening, but it was never fully confirmed that such activity did happen. All members of the SEC were present for this vote.