

# Boston University | Student Elections Commission

## Official Statement



April 7, 2014

### Question at hand

On April 7, 2014 at 11:50 AM, the Student Elections Commission (SEC) received the following complaint:

This is in reference to the Cease and Desist Order issued about campaigning with laptops in Marsh Plaza. According to the election code 3.4.10 c) there can be no campaigning within 20 yards of an official SEC voting booth. Pursuant to Article V, Section 1, an 'official voting booth' is not explicitly defined which then forces us to assume an official voting place is that of the online platform by which individuals vote. Regardless of a lack of actual SEC member present at the laptop incident in Marsh, no where does the election code state that a SEC member must be present to constitute an 'official booth' and thus TrueBU campaigned within 20 yards of an official voting booth because that booth was created when they set up their laptop with the voting website open and began asking people to vote. This is exactly what the SEC does only it hands out cupcakes instead.

### Findings

The SEC met in person to consider this complaint. In a 9-0 ruling, the SEC voted to dismiss this complaint. This complaint is essentially an appeal to Ruling #3, and the SEC upholds Ruling #3 with the dismissal of this complaint. All members of the SEC were present for this vote.