

# Boston University | Student Elections Commission Official Statement



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## Question at hand

On April 7, 2014 at 4:48 PM, the Student Elections Commission (SEC) received the following complaint:

At the Student Government Elections debate hosted by the SEC, Alexander Golob, representing True BU, made a few defamatory statements directly against BU's Push To Start. One quote was: "But the car that my opponents are trying to Push To Start is heading in the wrong direction."

This was one of many jibes against the Push to Start campaign. In contrast, you will hear no defamatory statements made by Push To Start against True BU.

Section 3.4.03 of the Elections Code states the following:

"Defamatory statements made by candidates or campaigns with regard to any individual in the following list are expressly prohibited: other candidates and/or campaigns; faculty, staff, trustees, employees and/or students of Boston University; members of the Student Government and/or members of college governments; members of the SEC."

## Findings

The SEC met in person to consider this complaint. In a 9-0 ruling, the SEC has voted to dismiss this complaint. All members of the SEC were present for this vote.