

Boston University | Student Elections Commission

Official Statement



April 6, 2014

Question at hand

On April 5, 2014 at 12:30 AM, the Student Elections Commission (SEC) received the following complaint:

3.4.07 The spaces or materials of the Student Government or any college government may not be used in support of any campaign.

During an event hosted by the CFA student government, Alexander was seen with his campaign button and heard giving students information about his slate and how to vote.

Side note: I submit a photo also containing a list of names. A small investigation of people in attendance will verify my claim that verbal campaigning took place in addition to visual campaigning confirmed by the photos. The fact that he was wearing his button may be enough, but if not I can assist in the investigation.

Section 3.4.07 of the Elections Code states the following:

“The spaces or materials of the Student Government or any college government may not be used in support of any campaign.”

Findings

After reviewing the evidence, Alexander Golob of TrueBU is present at a College of Fine Arts event wearing his campaign button. As the complaint suggests, there are others who can confirm active campaigning as well. Alexander Golob of TrueBU was also acting in the capacity of College of Fine Arts government president.

While the text of the Elections Code specifically refers to the “spaces or materials” of college governments being prohibited from use, a prior SEC ruling on April 19, 2011 (http://www.bu.edu/election/files/2011/04/Official-Statement_Cease-Desist.pdf) refers directly to the idea that using a position on Student Government or as a college government executive board member is using materials of that government. The mere act of representing his campaign with a TrueBU button would serve the same effect as if a member of Student Government running for election were to wear a campaign button at a Senate meeting or a non-election Student Government event.

The SEC met via email and considered this complaint. In a 7-0 ruling, the SEC finds that TrueBU violated Section 3.4.07 of the Elections Code. Two members of the SEC were absent for this vote.

Pursuant to Section 6.3.09 of the Elections Code, TrueBU is charged with 200 violation points. This leaves TrueBU with a current total of 300 violation points.