Elections and Rules Committee
Meeting: May 4, 2015

Begin: 12:23pm
Adjourn: 1:19pm

Present: Alex Miller (CLI), Steven Wendeborn (Chair), Max Freedman, Joshua Savitt

Candidate Withdrawal:
• The Open Minds slate has withdrawn from the election.
• There is no mechanism by which voters can be enabled to revote without restarting the entire election.
• Voters were not disenfranchised. They were able to vote for whichever candidate they saw fit at the time of voting. In this case, a candidate withdrew volitionally.

Postering Complaints
• On Friday we received a complaint that Anthony Downer II engaged in unallowed postering in the Arley D. Cathey Dining Commons. E&R adjudicated this complaint and docked 5% of his vote, as this was a minor offense.
• On Saturday, E&R received a complaint about a poster hung adjacent the bulletin board in Bartlett. The committee must now decide what should occur as a result.
  o Mr. Downer says that he is disappointed by the Committee’s finding in the first complaint on Friday and claims that an additional punishment would be egregious.

Deliberation

Motions:

On the Question of Unallowed Postering:
It was the previous sense of the Committee that a dining employee’s permission was insufficient. We have been forced to clarify that a dining hall manager employed by Aramark is also a dining hall employee. Permission to hang posters outside of approved bulletin boards requires the express permission of the managing office; in this case that means Richard Mason or an equivalent UChicago Dining staff member in the Dining Office on the first floor of Bartlett. In this light, the Committee recognizes that we have deducted 5% from Mr. Downer on Friday for the same postering campaign in question today. The Committee gives Mr. Downer until 12:00pm CDT on Tuesday, May 5th to obtain permission from UChicago Dining management, or to remove his posters before imposing further penalties.
Motion passes: 2 in favor, 2 not present, Chair in favor; the motion is passes.

Minutes Submitted by Max Freedman