

INVESTIGATIONS

NOTICE OF FINDING

COMPLAINT: #C59-S2018

FILED BY: Anonymous

ALLEGED VIOLATION:

The filer of the complaint alleges that Victoria Solkovits and Bella Martin coerced a vote from a student in a bathroom at Pi Kappa Phi fraternity on Thursday, May 3.

ELECTION CODE ARTICLE(S) CITED:

ARTICLE VI - VOTING PROCEDURES

6.1 Voting Procedures

1. Voting shall be by secret ballot.

ARTICLE VIII - GENERAL REGULATIONS

8.1 Guidelines

1. The following guidelines have been stipulated in order to protect every Association member's right to vote in privacy. Should this right be infringed upon, sanctions may be levied as deemed necessary by the Elections Board.
2. All Association members retain the right to vote in privacy.
3. There shall be no campaigning to someone who is in the process of voting, provided that the campaigner is made aware that the member of the Association is voting.
4. Campaigning is not permitted at the time and place of voting. Campaign participants are not permitted to campaign in the presence of an Association member who is casting their vote, so as to persuade the Association member to vote for or against a ballot proposition. Campaign participants will be responsible for observing this limitation at all times. This does not prohibit campaign participants from casting their vote, provided that they are Association members.
5. There shall be no voting en bloc – no member of the Association shall coerce an individual student or group of students to vote in a particular manner, and if necessary, measures shall be taken at the discretion of Election Board to prevent its use.

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The Investigations Committee found that the testimonies of both the filer and the accused establish a consistent timeline at Pi Kappa Phi. Following an interview with both parties, the Committee finds that the actions of Bella Martin and Victoria Solkovits infringed upon the student's right to vote in privacy (Election Code 8.1.1., 8.1.2). Bella Martin and Victoria Solkovits were in close contact of a member of the Association while they were in the process of voting. The Association member in question did not cast their vote under a 'secret ballot', as statements from both parties attest that this incident occurred in a confined area. (Election Code 6.1).

SANCTION:

The Bruins United slate is prohibited from campaigning in any form, including but not limited to, on-campus and social media campaigning, effective immediately until 3:00 p.m. Friday, May 4. Additionally, no agents of Bruins United may campaign in any form, including but not limited to, on-campus and social media campaigning, effective immediately effective immediately until 3:00 p.m. Friday, May 4.

Matthew Dunham
Matthew Dunham, Investigations Director

5/4/2018
Date

11:30 a.m.
Time