

The Interdepartmental Science Students' Society

Elections Appeal, Special Council Meeting

Agenda

7:00 a.m.

March 24, 2012

CCIS 1-035

Attendance

Executives: Cian Hackett

Councillors: Jennifer Weekes, Arun Thomas, Michelle Truong

Appellant: Ashlea Ahmed, Vice President Academic candidate

Defendant: Kevin Wehlage, ISSS Elections Representative

Other: None

Chairperson: Arun Thomas

Minutes: Cian Hackett

1. Call to order

1. Meeting called to order at 7:08 a.m..
2. Election of Chairperson - Arun Thomas

2. Presentations

Both the appellant and defendant will be given an opportunity to present their case.

1. Ashlea Ahmed, appellant
 - a. The deadline for expense forms was the day before voting began, however I was busy, forgot that day, and submitted it a day late. I was charged a \$10.00 fine, causing disqualification. Seeing as the fines are levied to adjust for unevenness in campaigning, and I didn't gain any materials or advantage over the other candidates, I don't think it should have resulted in disqualification. I am willing to pay for the fine personally.
2. Kevin Wehlage, defendant
 - a. All the expense forms were due on Wednesday, and I did not receive Ashlea's. As a consequence of that, there is a \$10.00 fine that is charged to the campaign as a result of 17.6.5.5 in the Procedures Manual. Because of that, the campaign expenses went from \$17.15 to \$27.15, causing it be to \$7.15 above the maximum budget of the campaign. As the maximum budget was exceeded, according to 17.6.4 of the Procedures Manual, Ashlea was disqualified.

3. Discussion and Decision

1. Council Ruling
 - a. The following ruling was made unanimously:
 - i. Firstly, the President is directed to post an updated version of the Constitution and Procedures Manual on the website.

- ii. The responsibilities of the ISSSER, according to section 17.3 of the Procedures Manual, have been met.
- iii. The ISSS's elections rules are modelled after the Students' Union, including recent changes. The Students' Union's deadline for expense forms is also before voting begins.
- iv. The appellant's offer to pay for the fine does not affect an interpretation of the Procedures Manual.
- v. Point 17.6.1.5 of the Procedures Manual states that "An approved candidate must submit a campaign expense report to the ISSSER by a deadline set by the ISSSER on the day before polling stations open." The appellant did not meet this deadline.
- vi. Point 17.6.5.5 of the Procedures Manual states that "The candidate's campaign shall be fined ten (10) dollars if no campaign expense report is submitted, or is submitted after the deadline." Because the appellant did not meet the deadline in 17.6.1.5. the fine of \$10.00 shall stand.
- vii. Point 17.6.4.2 of the Procedures Manual states that "A candidate shall not accrue more than twenty (20) dollars in campaign expenses." Point 17.6.4.4 of the Procedures Manual states that "Any candidate exceeding his/her limit shall be automatically disqualified." Because the appellant exceeded this limit, the ISSSER's decision to disqualify the candidate shall be upheld.
- viii. Council understands the appellant's argument that an unfair advantage may not have been gained; however, the Procedures Manual clearly states the consequences of missing the expense form deadline.
- ix. The ISSSER's decision shall stand.

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve this meeting's minutes. Michelle/Jen. Motion carried 3/0/0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 a.m..