

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SUPERIOR COURT

VALIDATION OF THE ELECTION REPORT AND RESULTS OF THE 2024 FALL STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION ELECTION

[NOVEMBER 7, 2024]

CHIEF JUSTICE GRACE delivered the unanimous opinion of the Court.

The Court has not received any appeals to the Election Report nor has the court been presented with any evidence that there is any administrative irregularity in the Election Report. Further, the court has not been notified of any outstanding, unresolved, or pending complaints or infractions related to the Fall 2024 Election of the Student Government Association. The Court reviewed the Election Report—and, in accordance with SGACA Tit. VI, Ch. 5, §12, maintained a presumption of administrative regularity—and identified no substantive or consequential issues related to the Election Report. The 2024 Student Government Association Election Report is hereby validated and approved by the court.

It is so ordered.

Claire H. Grace

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Chief Justice of the Superior Court

Student Government Association, The University of Oklahoma

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION Fall 2024
GENERAL ELECTION REPORT**

Baylor Savage, SGA Election Commissioner

Election Commission Staff: Hanna Cole, Hannah Smith, Lesley Hudspeth, Sophia
Conduff, Parker Means (ex officio)

Pursuant to SGACA Tit. VI Ch. 5 § (1)(h), the following report details the results of the Fall
2024 SGA General Elections. Voting for these elections occurred on October 29th and
30th, 2024.

The Election Commission received a total of 4 complaints:

- 4 were heard as a formal petition. The decisions of these petitions are included in
this report.
- 1 was received as unofficial notification. A summary of the issue raised is included
in this report.

Projected winners of each race are bolded and indicated by an *

SGA President & SGA Vice-President

2 tickets

*Carter Strickland & Avery Dunlap	846, 91.06%
Prefer not to vote	83, 8.93%

Undergraduate Student Congress Representative:

Arts and Sciences District:

12 candidates, 8 open seats

*Ava Burnett	266, 12.21%
*Reese Ball	225, 10.37%
*Alexandra Toyos	220, 10.09%
*Nicole Estrada	211, 9.68%
*Kayla Hawley	205, 9.4%
*Noah J. Coats	176, 8.06%
*Jael Finley	164, 7.51%
*Jacob Schonfield	164, 7.51%
Ben Keupen	162, 7.46%
Elias Hallum	147, 6.77%
Michael Wintory	131, 6.03%
Martin Rosetta	106, 4.84%

Business District:

8 candidates, 5 open seats

*Elizabeth Duncan	149, 16.31%
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*Bridget Lapp	146, 15.99%
*Kendell Coppinger	136, 14.89%
*Ryne Futa	120, 13.14%
*Henry Christiansen	110, 12.04%
Andy Wang	88, 9.63%
Jeffrey Ogle	85, 9.3%
Diego Fazzani	79, 8.65%

Earth and Energy District:

1 candidate, 1 open seat

*Hayden Vedra	4, 80%
Prefer not to vote	1, 20%

Education District:

1 candidate, 1 open seat

Ty James	28, 96.55%
Prefer not to vote	1, 3.44%

Engineering District:

5 candidates, 3 open seats

*Mecca D. Fisher	56, 23.62%
*Cade Walker	50, 21.09%
*Hudson Harris	47, 19.83%
Marilou Bento	43, 18.14%
Jack Wilton	41, 17.29%

Fine Arts District:

1 candidate, 1 open seat

*Lauren Carter	35, 100%
Prefer not to vote	0, 0%

Journalism and Communication District:

4 candidates, 2 open seats

*Madeline Cantrell	64, 41.55%
*Lilian Higareda Castillo	40, 25.97%
Thomas Richardson	30, 19.48%
Greenlee Church	20, 12.98%

Rulings on Infractions

FA24-001 *Petition filed by Election Commissioner regarding not attending meetings*

FA24-002 *Petition filed by Election Commissioner regarding inaccurate financial report*

FA24-003 *Unofficial notification filed by Elias Hallum*

FA24-004 *Petition filed by Election Commissioner regarding missing initial financial reports*

FA24-005 *Petition filed by Election Commissioner regarding missing final financial reports*

Total Points Assigned

Greenlee Church received 4 points

Martin Rosetta received 4 points

Diego Fazzani received 3 points

Jeffrey Ogle received 2.5 points

Madeline Cantrell received 2 points

Ryne Futa received 2 points

SGA Election Commission

Petition Filed by Election Commissioner Baylor Savage

FA24-01 Decided October 16th, 2024

Holding

4-0 In Favor of Petition

Diego Fazzani received 3 points

Jeffrey Ogle received 2.5 points

Madeline Cantrell received 2 points

Facts of the Petition

FA24-001 was submitted to the Student Government Association Election Commission on October 14th by Election Commissioner Baylor Savage. It was filed against Diego Fazzani, Jeffrey Ogle, and Madeline Cantrell. A formal petition was filed via email against the 3 candidates with them each getting an opportunity to respond to the petition. The petition alleged that the 3 candidates did not attend the mandatory informational despite being told multiple times via email that it was mandatory and giving them options to do so. After holding a meeting for review of FA24-001, the Election Commission determined that the candidates committed a Class A infraction by not attending the mandatory informational meeting. The Election Commission determined the candidates who didn't attend the mandatory informational should be assigned 3, 2.5, and 2 points, respectively, due to this infraction.

Discussion

When determining the Class A infraction, the Election Commission considered how many points should be awarded to the people deemed to not attend the mandatory informational meetings. The points were determined by the rationale that Madeline Cantrell made an effort to respond and meet with the commissioner, Jeffrey Ogle attempted to respond after the period of mandatory meetings,

and Diego Fazzani did not attempt to address the petition at all. As a result, the commission felt it necessary and proper to award Madeline 2 points, Jeffrey 2.5 points, and Diego 3 points.

It is so ordered.

SGA Election Commission

Petition filed by Election Commissioner Baylor Savage

FA24-002 Decided October 28th, 2024

3-0 In Favor of Carter Strickland and Avery Dunlap.

Holding

Points are assigned as follows:

Carter Strickland received 0 points

Avery Dunlap received 0 points

Facts of the Petition

FA24-002 was submitted to the Student Government Association Election Commission on October 25th, 2024, by the SGA Election Commissioner via the "Election Formal Petition Form Fall 2024. This form was established in accordance with the SGA Code Annotated to provide SGA members an electronic form for reporting suspected campaign infractions. The petition states prior findings by the Commission that candidates Carter Strickland and Avery Dunlap failed to file reports that were correct and complete in form, in violation of the Code. SGACA Tit. VI Ch. 4 § 5(b)(vi). The petition alleged that photographs taken for the campaign were not listed at fair value for expenses.

While the submitted cost was \$20, a quote obtained by the commission from the same photographer was \$100. Upon review, each of these candidates was named as a Respondent to this petition and informed that they had 24 hours to file a response or request an oral hearing. In Carter's response to the petition, he explained that the pictures were taken on September 9th, a month before the photographer began his business.

Discussion

When determining the Class B infraction, the Election Commission considered all available facts and ultimately relied on the timing difference in their decision. Because the photographer had not yet begun his business, it is entirely possible his rate changed through the time period. The commission found that there were no malicious or intentional hiding or fraudulent expenses recorded. No infraction points were given.

It is so ordered.

SGA Election Commission

Unofficial Notification v. Jael Finley

FA24-003, Decided October 28th, 2024

Holding

Election Commission Decided to Dismiss

Facts of the Petition

FA24-003 was submitted to the Student Government Association Election Commission on October 27th, 2024, by Elias Hallum via the “Unofficial Election Notification Form Fall 2024.” This form was established in accordance with the SGA Code Annotated to provide SGA members with an electronic form for reporting potential campaign infractions. The notification alleges that Jael tore down/ destroyed Elias’ posters in Couch tower, which is an infraction of the SGA code. Elias claimed that a poster that he had put up near one of Jael’s posters was ripped up and Jael’s poster was not. Upon reviewing the evidence, the notification against Jael was dismissed.

Discussion

The Election Commission reasoned that there was no proof Jael was involved in any of the alleged actions. Elias includes in his notification that the RA’s of Couch mistakenly removed his posters throughout the building. Furthermore, simply having a poster in the vicinity of another that is damaged does not indicate guilt. Ultimately, the commission agreed that there was a lack of any substantial evidence to pursue the notification.

It is so ordered.

SGA Election Commission

Petition Filed by Election Commissioner Baylor Savage

FA24-004 Decided October 30th, 2024

3-0 In Favor of the Petition.

Holding

Points are assigned as follows:

Greenlee Church received 2 points
Martin Rosetta received 2 points
Ryne Futa received 2 points

Facts of the Petition

FA24-004 was submitted to the Student Government Association Election Commission on October 29th, 2024, by the SGA Election Commissioner via the “Election Formal Petition Form Spring 2024.” This form was established in accordance with the SGA Code Annotated to provide SGA members with an electronic form for reporting suspected campaign infractions. The petition states prior findings by the Commission that several candidates for office in the Fall SGA General Elections failed to file initial financial reports that were correct and complete in form, in violation of the Code. SGACA Tit. VI Ch. 4 § 5(b)(vi). Upon review, each of these candidates was named as a Respondent to this petition and informed that they had 24 hours to file a response or request an oral hearing.

Some candidates submitted their financial reports after being put on notice, and the petition against them was dismissed.

Discussion

When determining the Class B infraction, the Election Commission considered who did and didn’t submit a financial report at all. Greenlee, Martin, and Ryne did not submit points, nor did they respond within the 24-hour notification window, and thus received 2 points.

It is so ordered.

SGA Election Commission

Petition Filed by Election Commissioner Baylor Savage

FA24-005 Decided November 3rd, 2024

4-0 In Favor of the Petition.

Holding

Points are assigned as follows:

Greenlee Church received 2 points

Martin Rosetta received 2 points

Facts of the Petition

FA24-005 was submitted to the Student Government Association Election Commission on October 31st, 2024, by the SGA Election Commissioner via the “Election Formal Petition Form Spring 2024.

This form was established in accordance with the SGA Code Annotated to provide SGA members with an electronic form for reporting suspected campaign infractions. The petition states prior findings by the Commission that several candidates for office in the Fall SGA General Elections failed to file initial financial reports that were correct and complete in form, in violation of the Code. SGACA Tit. VI Ch. 4 § 5(b)(vi). Upon review, each of these candidates was named as a Respondent to this petition and informed that they had 24 hours to file a response or request an oral hearing.

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Discussion

When determining the Class B infraction, the Election Commission considered who did and didn’t submit a financial report at all. Greenlee and Martin did not submit points, nor did they respond within the 24-hour notification window, and thus received 2 points.

It is so ordered.