

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SUPERIOR COURT

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

[APRIL 9, 2024]

CHIEF JUSTICE WALLS 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 Spring 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 Election Report, as was approved by the Court, is attached as an appendix to this document. The 2023 Student Government Association Election Report is hereby validated.

It is so ordered.



Corbin M. Walls

Chief Justice of the Superior Court

Student Government Association, The University of Oklahoma

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SPRING 2024 GENERAL ELECTION REPORT

Seth Phung, SGA Election Commissioner

Seth Phung, SGA Election Commissioner Election Commission Staff: Alexia Charlton, Hanna Cole, Hannah Smith, Will Ehrhart, Gavin Thompson (ex officio)

Pursuant to SGACA Tit. VI Ch. 5 § (1)(h), the following report details the results of the Spring 2024 SGA General Elections. Voting for these elections occurred on April 2nd and 3rd, 2024.

The Election Commission received a total of 6 complaints:

- 2 were heard as a formal petition. The decision of this petition is included in this report.
- 4 were received as unofficial notifications. Summaries of the issues raised are included in this report.

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

University College SGA Referendum

2 tickets

* Yes	1123	97.46%
No	62	5.23%

Campus Activities Council Chair

2 tickets

*Kennedy Corbin	629	53.08%
Hanaa Saidi	556	46.91%

Student Bar Association President

2 tickets

*Madison Taylor	102	94.4%
Jack Sweet	6	5.55%

Undergraduate Student Congress Representative:

Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences District:

1 candidate, 1 open seat

*Michael Reynolds	25
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Communication District:

1 candidate, 1 open seat

*Aniketh Koneru	129
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Engineering and Energy District:

3 candidates, 5 open seats

*Aaron Bond	56
*Kyle Oler	56
*Michael Marah	54

Finance and Accounting District:

1 candidate, 3 open seats

***Tucker Dunn 36**

Life Sciences District:

3 candidates, 4 open seats

***Shrey Kathuria 87**

***Elena Eaton 68**

***Jackson Lancaster 63**

International and Area Studies:

2 candidates, 1 open seats

***Kyle Martin 24**

Randi Wright 9

Physical Sciences District:

2 candidates, 1 open seats

***Syed Aslam 34**

Daniel Shamsee 21

Social Sciences District:

3 candidates, 3 open seats

***Caren Ho 44**

***Cody Walker 41**

***Caleb Robinson 36**

University College District:

8 candidates, 6 open seats

***Lexie Scott 217**

***Brooklyn Schroeder 208**

***Laura Calvert 198**

***William Beasley 172**

***Lucas Coats 167**

***Hayden Bertotti 163**

Jack Wilton 145

Beril Kolukisa 119

Rulings on Infractions

SP24-001 Petition filed by Election Commissioner regarding not attending meetings

SP24-002 Petition Filed by Candidate Hanaa Saidi

SP24-003 *Petition Filed by Avery Dunlap*

SP24-004 *Petition Filed by Election Commissioner Regarding Campaign Finance Reports*

SP24-005 *Unofficial Notification Filed by Amelia Landry*

SP24-006 *Unofficial Notification Filed by Natalie Armour*

SP24-007 *Unofficial Notification Filed by Cambridge Corbin*

SP24-008 *Unofficial Notification Filed by Kennedy Corbin*

Total Points Assigned

Laura Calvert received 3 points total.

Caren Ho received 3 points total.

Tucker Dunn received 3 points total.

Michael Reynolds received 3 points total.

Michael Marah received 1 point total.

Cody Walker received 1 point total.

Brooklyn Schroeder received 3 points total.

Lexie Scott received 1 point total.

Beril Kolukisa received 1 point total.

Jackson Lancaster received 1 point total.

William Beasley received 3 points total.

Lucas Coats received 1 point total.

SGA Election Commission

Petition Filed by Election Commissioner Seth Phung

SP24-01 Decided March 31st, 2024

Holding

3-0 In Favor of Petition

Laura Calvert received 2 points.

Caren Ho received 2 points.

Tucker Dunn received 2 points.

Michael Reynolds received 2 points.

Brooklyn Schroeder received 2 points.

William Beasley received 2 points.

Facts of the Petition

SP24-001 was submitted to the Student Government Association Election Commission on March 4th by Election Commissioner Seth Phung. It was filed against Laura Calvert, Caren Ho,

Tucker Dunn, Michael Reynolds, Brooklyn Schroeder, and William Beasley.. A formal petition was filed via email against the 6 candidates with them each getting an opportunity to respond to the petition. The petition alleged that the 6 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 SP24-001, 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 2 points 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 the candidates didn't respond to any emails or warnings, nor made any attempt to set a day for a meeting. As a result, the commission felt it necessary and proper to award 2 points

It is so ordered.

SGA Election Commission

Hanaa Saidi v. Kennedy Corbin
SP24-002 Decided March 31st 2024

Holding

3-0 in favor of Kennedy Corbin

Facts of the Petition

SP24-002 was submitted to the Student Government Association Election Commission on March 20, 2024, by Hanaa Saidi 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 potential campaign infractions. Upon receiving the petition, the Election Commissioner determined that candidate Kennedy Corbin were implicated in the complaint and informed the candidate of the petition that had been filed. The conduct in question was submitted as a petition under the belief that it fell under *SGACA* Tit. VI, General Rules 2(a), as a "Class B Infraction." The petition alleges that because Kennedy Corbin posted a campaign post on her Instagram during Spring Break, she was breaking the rules of campaigning outside the time period. After notifying the accused, the Election Commission met to discuss the matter. It was determined that the Corbin campaign had not participated in any such conduct to warrant an infraction.

Discussion

The Election Commission reasoned that the intent of the time frame for the voting period was more so to prevent people from campaigning before or after the allowed time period. Since Spread Break is between the beginning and end of the time period, it's fair game in terms of being allowed.

It is so ordered.

SGA Election Commission

Avery Dunlap v. Kennedy Corbin
SP24-003 Decided March 31st 2024

Holding

3-0 in favor of Kennedy Corbin

Facts of the Petition

SP24-003 was submitted to the Student Government Association Election Commission on March 29, 2024, by Avery Dunlap 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 potential campaign infractions. Upon receiving the petition, the Election Commissioner determined that candidate Kennedy Corbin were implicated in the complaint and informed the candidate of the petition that had been filed. The conduct in question was submitted as a petition under the belief that it fell under *SGACA* Tit. VI, Chapter 5 Article A-2 as a “Class A Infraction.” The petition alleges that student workers were campaigning on Kennedy’s behalf while on duty. Specifically, endorsements of Kennedy done by workers were on Kennedy’s website during work hours. The petition alleges that because the endorsement was up while they were working, this was essentially campaigning during work hours. After notifying the accused, the Election Commission met to discuss the matter. It was determined that the Corbin campaign had not participated in any such conduct to warrant an infraction.

Discussion

The Election Commission reasoned that the intent of that portion of the Code Annotated is to prevent on job workers from campaigning while working. It would be unreasonable to expect that students couldn’t have endorsements online while at working hours. If enacted, it would force campaigns to take down endorsements by student workers during their work hours. This is not an ideal outcome, so the Commission voted the way it did.

It is so ordered.

SGA Election Commission

A Petition by the Election Commissioner Regarding Initial Campaign Finance Reports

SP24-003 Decided March 31, 2024

3-0 In Favor of the Petition.

Holding

Points are assigned as follows:

Laura Calvert received 1 total point.

Caren Ho received 1 total point.

Tucker Dunn received 1 total point.

Michael Reynolds received 1 total point.

Michael Marah received 1 total point.

Cody Walker received 1 total point.

Brooklyn Schroeder received 1 total point.
Lexie Scott received 1 total point.
Beril Kolukisa received 1 total point.
Jackson Lancaster received 1 total point.
William Beasley received 1 total point.
Lucas Coats received 1 total point.

Facts of the Petition

SP24-004 was submitted to the Student Government Association Election Commission on March 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 an electronic form for reporting suspected campaign infractions. The petition states prior findings by the Commission that several candidates for office in the Spring 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 report 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. The ones who didn’t submit a report got 1 point.

It is so ordered.

SGA Election Commission

Unofficial Notifications v. Kennedy Corbin
SP24-003, Decided April 3rd 2024

Holding

Election Commissioner Decided to Dismiss

Facts of the Petition

SP24-3 was submitted to the Student Government Association Election Commission on April 3rd 2024, by Amelia Landry via the “Unofficial Election Notification Form Spring 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 Kennedy was campaigning via a website hosted by OU IT, which is an infraction of the SGA code. The message sent out asked the person to share Kennedy’s campaign message with her committee members. Upon reviewing the code and the message, the notification against Kennedy was dismissed.

Discussion

The Election Commissioner reasoned that the conduct that Kennedy engaged in was not campaigning, but asking a colleague to relay a message to others. It was not asking the recipient to vote for her, just to spread Kennedy’s message to the people in her committee. The recipient did not have to send the message if she didn’t want to and could choose to ignore it. For this reason, the Election Commissioner dismissed the petition.

It is so ordered.

SGA Election Commission

Unofficial Notifications v. Hanaa Saidi
SP24-004, 005, 006 Decided April 3rd 2024

Holding

Election Commissioner Decided to Dismiss

Facts of the Petition

SP24-005, 006, 007 was submitted to the Student Government Association Election Commission on April 3rd 2024, by Natalie Armour, Cambridge Corbin, and Kennedy Corbin via the “Unofficial Election Notification Form Spring 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. All three notifications arose from the same cause of action and event so they are grouped together here for simplicity’s sake. The notification alleges that Hanaa was aggressive and engaged in conduct that was aggressive and seemed forceful in having people to vote for her for CAC chair. Upon viewing the totality of the circumstances, the Election Commissioner decided to dismiss the complaint.

Discussion

The Election Commissioner reasoned that while Hanaa was being aggressive, she was not actively forcing people to vote for her. Pressure is not the same thing as forcing someone to vote for you. For this reason, it was concluded that Hanaa was probably coming off as aggressive, she was not forcing people to actually vote for her.

It is so ordered.