

Ruling #2

March 2013 Executive and BoG Election

Nomination Disqualified – Dawson Zeng, Candidate for Undergraduate BoG Representative

Parties to the Ruling

- Dawson Zeng, Candidate for Undergraduate BoG Representative
- Wayne DeFehr, Chief Returning Officer

Applicable Bylaws, Rules, and Regulations

- Bylaw 2200 12(2): “Members of Students’ Council and its standing committees, in order for their nomination papers to be valid are required to take a leave of absence from their duties for the period beginning with the nomination deadline and ceasing with the conclusion of voting of the election in which they are contesting a position.”
- Bylaw 2200 12(3): “Where a member contravenes Section 12(2), all of the member’s nominations shall be declared null and void.”

Facts

1. Following the nomination meeting of executive candidates on February 14th, the following email was sent by Dawson Zeng indicating that he would be taking a leave of absence, beginning at approximately 3:20AM on February 15th:

Hey Council!

Just wanted to give everyone a heads up that I will be taking a leave of absence from Council effective Feb 15, 2014 at 3:20 AM.

I will still do my best to fulfill any prior commitments.

Have a great reading week!

Sincerely,
Dawson

Ruling

1. This email indicating that a leave of absence would be taken was sent 10 hours, 20 minutes after the nomination deadline had passed. Therefore Dawson Zeng’s nominations must be declared null and void.

Penalty

1. Dawson Zeng must withdraw from the race for Undergraduate BoG Representative

So decided: Monday, February 17, 10:30PM. Time limit for appeal: Tuesday, February 17, 10:30PM.

