

Ruling #10

March 2014 Executive and BoG Election

Use of posters during the Lister Forum in Lister Hall

Parties to the Ruling

- William Lau, Candidate for President
- Wayne DeFehr, Chief Returning Officer

Applicable Bylaws, Rules, and Regulations

- Bylaw 2200.31(1.d): No candidate or side shall, without the permission of the CRO engage in any campaign activity in any residence.

Facts

1. It is expected that all candidates are familiar with the Election Bylaws and with the Regulations and Guidelines in the Nomination Pack.
2. At the Lister Hall forum, Candidate Lau was observed entering the Lister Cafeteria, where the forum was being held with campaign materials affixed to his mobility device.

Ruling

1. Bylaw 2200.31(1.d) does prohibit campaign activity in the residences on campus. However, if this bylaw were to apply to all areas in Lister Hall during the campaign period, the Forum itself could not take place, since the hour of speeches by candidates are intended to convince members of the audience to make voting decisions during the upcoming elections. Since the Lister Forum is a campaign event, it would not be reasonable to permit some campaign activities such as speeches, and prevent other activities such as carrying posters.

Penalty

1. Since candidate Lau has not violated Bylaw 2200.31(1.d) during the Lister Hall forum, no penalty will be assessed.

So decided: Sunday, March 3, 2014 at 16:46. Time limit for appeal: Monday, March 4, 17:00.