

Ruling #12

March 2014 Executive and BoG Election

Public Duties While Taking Leave for Campaigning

Parties to the Ruling

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

Applicable Bylaws, Rules, and Regulations

- Bylaw 2200.12(2)
12. Restrictions on Candidate Nominees
(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.

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. The complainant has brought to the attention of the CRO that William Lau was the Master of Ceremonies for "Our Stories, Our Minds," A Mental Health Symposium.
3. He was extended this invitation in his role as VPSL, a role that he had taken a leave of absence from, according to bylaw 2200.12(2).

Ruling

1. Prior to this event, Mr. Lau sought and received permission to Chair this event, as he did last year despite campaigning at that time as well. Permission was granted because of the significant health-related purpose of this event. The one stipulation this year as was the case last year, was that Mr. Lau refrain from using the event as an opportunity to campaign for the position of President. He was prohibited from mentioning the current election.

Penalty

1. The CRO is satisfied that Mr. Lau complied with the restrictions that were placed on his participation at this event. Therefore no penalty will be assessed against Mr. Lau's campaign for his role as Master of Ceremonies at this event.

So decided: Wednesday, March 5, 2014 at 12:00. Time limit for appeal: Thursday, March 6, 17:00.