

Ruling #8 Summary

Conflict between campaign managers of Farah Elgaweesh and Layla Alhussainy

Parties to the Ruling

- Jacob Verghese, Chief Returning Officer
- Farah Elgaweesh, Vice President Academic

Elections Office Jurisdiction

This ruling refers to campaign activity within the election. It falls under the jurisdiction of the rules established by the Elections Office in the Nomination Package.

Applicable Bylaws, Rules, and Regulations

Section 11(1):

- Each Candidate or side manager shall act reasonably and in good faith, and specifically shall
 - (a) ensure that each Volunteer engaging in Campaign activities on their behalf is aware of all bylaws, rules, regulations, and orders;
 - (b) ensure that each Volunteer is in compliance with all bylaws, rules, regulations, and orders while engaging in Campaign activities on their behalf; and
 - (c) report any contravention of a bylaw, rule, regulation, or order to the C.R.O. immediately
- Bylaw 320, section 17.2: "Penalties available to the C.R.O. shall include (a) a fine to be counted against the Candidate's or side's Campaign Expenses..."
 - Bylaw 320, section 17.3: "The C.R.O. shall draft a schedule of fines and penalties as an appendix to the rules and regulations concerning this bylaw."
 - General Election Nomination Package, page 8: "Like physical materials, campaign materials used on social media must be approved by the CRO before being made public."
 - Used previous CRO cases to make judgment decisions based on these offences.

Findings

Calls were made between the election office and the two people in question. Layla's team complied with the request and posted a public apology that the candidate would respect the rules of the election. Farah's campaign volunteer did post an apology but it was never seen by the election team and the account was made private.

Ruling

Farah's team acted in bad faith as the other team had issued an apology with this reasonable request after a complaint was made by Farah's team. The same courteous act wasn't acted on Layla's complaint

Penalty

A compensatory fine of \$25 for the harm done to the fairness of the election and the failure to comply with CRO's reasonable request

Appeal

Rulings of the CRO may be [appealed to the DIE Board](#) by current undergraduate students, using the DIE Board Application Form, within 12 working hours of the ruling being posted. This ruling was posted at 5:00 PM on Monday, March 11th and the deadline for appeal is 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, March 13th.