

DECISION OF THE DISCIPLINE, INTERPRETATION,  
AND ENFORCEMENT BOARD

**REQUEST TO APPEAL A DECISION BY THE CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER**

**DATE:**

Wednesday February 26 2003

**D.I.E. BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chris Samuel, Chair

Perry Grewal

Lucas Lau

Debora Philips

Vincent Tong

**APPEAL DETAILS:**

APPELLANT: Chris Jones

RESPONDENT: Alexandra Taylor, Chief Returning Officer (C.R.O.)

**SUMMARY OF ALLEGATION AND RESPONSE:**

At the first all-candidates meeting, the C.R.O. stated that any tardiness beyond three minutes of the scheduled start time for the daily campaign meetings will be penalized with a fine of ten dollars. Mr. Jones was three minutes late for a daily campaign meeting and, as a result, was fined ten dollars. Mr. Jones, however, believes that according to Bylaw 2100 Section 40, a candidate can only be fined ten dollars if they fail to attend the daily campaign meeting or if they fail to send a representative. Since Mr. Jones was present for this meeting, albeit late, he believes that the fine should be vacated.

**DECISION:**

According to Bylaw 2500 Section 5b, the C.R.O. is responsible for the enactment and posting of regulations, as necessary, for any situation not dealt with by Bylaws 2100, 2200, 2400 and 2500. Consequently, the C.R.O. is fully empowered to institute a rule fining individuals for being late to the daily campaign meetings. Since both Mr. Jones and the C.R.O. agree that Mr. Jones was in fact late for the daily campaign meeting, the D.I.E. Board (upholding the ruling of the C.R.O.) finds Mr. Jones to be in breach of the aforementioned rule and thus subject to its penalty. However, the D.I.E. Board believes that the penalty for only being late to a daily campaign meeting should be less than the penalty for completely missing a daily campaign meeting, which is a fine of ten dollars. Also, the D.I.E. Board believes that since Mr. Jones was only three minutes late, his penalty should not be too severe. As a result, the D.I.E. Board penalizes Mr. Jones with a reduced fine of five dollars. For future cases of tardiness, it should be noted that the D.I.E. Board will be inclined to levy higher fines based upon the degree of tardiness.

The Discipline, Interpretation and Enforcement (D.I.E.) Board functions as the judicial branch of the Students' Union, and is responsible for interpreting and enforcing all

Students' Union legislation. If anyone has any questions regarding the D.I.E. Board, feel free to contact the Chair, Chris Samuel, at [dieboard@su.ualberta.ca](mailto:dieboard@su.ualberta.ca) .