

DECISION OF THE DISCIPLINE, INTERPRETATION,
AND ENFORCEMENT BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF

Re: Referendum on Proposed Health Care Plan & Publication of Information

DATE HEARD: February 16th, 2004

D.I.E. BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jaimie Gruman, Associate Chair
Mike Solowan
Justyna Herman

DETAILS:

Applicant: SU VP Duncan Taylor

SUMMARY, REFERENCE QUESTIONS & DECISION:

The Discipline Interpretation & Enforcement (D.I.E.) Board convened on February 16th, 2005 to hear two reference questions brought forward by SU VP Duncan Taylor. Specifically, the questions placed before D.I.E. Board were as follows:

1. What information can third parties unaffiliated with the Yes or No campaigns disseminate before and during a referendum?
2. In particular, can the Students' Union make the following documents available online before and during the referendum campaign on a centralized Health Plan Information website: Health Plan Contract, Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document, Final Report of the Student Life Board and the results of the Health Plan Survey?

In reviewing all relevant bylaws the D.I. E. Board did not find any restrictions applicable to third parties unaffiliated with campaigns. Furthermore, the Board does not see any utility in imposing any such restrictions either before or during the referendum. Providing a centralized website as proposed by the VP of the SU allowing students easy access to the relevant information ensures that this information is available & practically accessible to all students.

In particular, the proposal to make available key documents such as the Health Plan Contract, FAQ, Student Life Boards Final Report and the Health Plan Survey via a centralized website is encouraged by the Board as the referendum question specifically refers to the Contract and the proposed FAQ's form aids as a summary. The Board does recommend that the FAQ's form contain the source of the document.

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