On March 23, 2012 at 6:08pm the Election Commission convened:

-Minutes from the Elections Commission meeting on February 13, 2012 were read:

-The Commission heard the violation alleged against the Ignite Party by the Progress Party citing a violation of 715.7 P, Student Body Statutes

The Progress Party alleged that the Ignite Party violated 715.7(P), Student Body Statutes,

“The issuing of any newspaper article, social media posting, posters, placards, signs, Signboards, leaflets, folders, handbills, fliers, banner, tee shirts, buttons, paint, Handwritten announcements or circulars of any size and consistency that publicly Denounce, bring false or malicious accusations against a candidate for an elected Office of the student body.”

by means of a facebook post made by Robert J Haley, an Ignite Party candidate.

The Ignite Party conceded the violation on the part of its candidate. The only issue before the Elections Commission is whether to treat the violation as an individual violation or a party violation for the purposes of determining an appropriate sanction.

The Opinion of the Elections Commission is Delivered by M. Griffin

The Ignite Party conceded that a violation of the statute occurred. The evidence presented at the hearing indicated that the post in question was done as an individual act and not sanctioned by the Ignite Party as a whole. As such the decision of the Election Commission is to sustain the violation and assign a sanction of 7 work hours to be performed by Mr. Robert J. Haley personally.

-The Commission heard the violation alleged against the Ignite Party by the Elections Commissioner alleging a violation of 715.6(I), Student Body Statutes,

“Any action against Chapter 714 of the Student body Statutes, including but not limited To violations of posting policies”

According to the complaint alleged by the Elections Commissioner, the Ignite Party failed to get approval 24 hours prior to placing publicity in support of their party.

The Ignite Party conceded that the violation occurred. As such the Election Commission issued a fine of $25.00.

The Elections Commission hearing adjourned at 6:47 PM
The twenty four hour window for an appeal in this matter began at 6:47 PM on Friday March 23, 2012.