

Elections Commission Meeting
April 18th 2017

- All members are here
- Last meetings minutes are confirmed
- Motion to hear both cases together (was seconded) because the first two violations are under the same grounds of illegal campaigning and will be categorized into one violation

Enlighten V. Uplift

Enlighten (2:12)

- Motion to dismiss due to lack of evidence
- In regards to campaign in HCB, Presidential candidate standing over a girl with a phone and carrying a cooler
- Sent screenshot to deputy which approved it was a violation
- These people are in orange shirts and against statutes

Uplift (31 sec)

- You can't see any evidence
- No location attached to the video

Enlighten

- While you can't see the location as far as the video, to be inside of a building is against campaigning
- Video has a call to action
- No witness
- EC biggest issue is its ambiguous but there is no cooler in the pictures and there is no connection of that based on the evidence
 - o Video we can't see who's saying what and where they are
- As far as being inside the building it is off limits
 - o What if they were on an off campus apartment?
- As an FSU student one has every single right to solicit a vote but NOT somebody from a political party
- The screenshot doesn't help the evidence as it was sent from a member of their organization
- Nobody is denying validity of claim it's just hard to find the evidence valid to the correlation of election
- Difference between what you know and what you can prove
 - o HCB building was taken morning of the election
- "What does inside mean?"

Uplift Party (3:45)

- You can't tell from the photos that any of the shirts have the uplift logo
- First picture with black sweatpants
 - o You can't infer from the picture what they are saying in the picture

- Uplift has a picture of Enlighten in the CARE building with their shirt
- Did you all attend the same meeting with the SOE about campaigning?
 - Yes

Enlighten (51 sec)

- Since the pictures were taken that morning of the election, that is their president, it is outside a building, wherever that cooler was it is where they were campaigning

Uplift (46 sec)

- According to one of the photos you can't really know if it is our president
- No evidence of the cooler
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Enlighten closing (43 sec)

- To be inside of an academic building it is a violation for campaigning
- We know the colors of the two parties and those shirts are the uplift shirts

Verdict:

Unanimous decision to dismiss the violation

Appeal Case: Enlighten Party vs. Supervisor of Elections

- No extension of time for the hearing
- Movement to dismiss case due to the similar claim
 - EC found that their claims aren't valid and there are not witnesses
- Movement to proceed

Enlighten Opening Statement (4:32) remain

- All I can reference is that after we sent the pictures to the SOE deputy she said it

SOE opening statement (4:36) remain

- Attorney general representing SOE
- The appeal is invalid due to the lack of evidence

Enlighten (6:40)

- They choose to cross witness the DSOE
- We decided to move forward the appealing election because on multiple occasions the DSOE had to tell the other party to stop allowing people to vote on their phones
- DSOE said it is up to you if you want to file you can but she never blatantly said it was a violation
 - Witnesses would have made it a stronger case

SOE (7:13)

- No evidence so we rest our case
- Does not call witness
- Enlighten cannot cross examine the witness

SOE Closing Statement: (1 second)

- Good luck on your exams!

Enlighten Closing: (.38 seconds)

- We came today to appeal the election

- DSOE had to remind the other party various times to remind them of the election codes

Verdict:

Unanimous decision to dismiss the appeal due to no depth in evidence

Meeting adjourned