

**Student Government Association  
Election Commissions Meeting  
Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:00pm  
Agenda**

- I. Confirm minutes from previous meeting on February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 1:00 pm
- II. Old Business
  - a. The Election Commission heard the two violations from last meeting.

Elections Commission: Motion to confirm. Seconded. All in Favor.

- i. Violation 1: Legacy Party v. The Amplify Party
    - ii. Violation 2: Legacy Party v. The Amplify Party
- III. New Business

- a. Supervisor of Elections (Alexis) will read aloud the alleged violation that the Commission will hear during the meeting
    - i. Violation 1: The Unite Party v. The Amplify Movement
  - b. The Unite Party is allotted 15 minutes to present their case

Unite Party: The election code can be removed, moved, or forced into place. They misplaced signs and left banners in violations of FSU policies. Violation 1 submitted by Mr. Spears is in violation of 709.1C and Ogelsby Union Rule 3B. Violation 2, Failing to provide appropriate contact appropriate contact information for Amplify Movement. Merely listing the website of the sga election is not sufficient contact information according to rule Ogelsby Union Rule 3B. Therefore should be considered a Schedule 1 Violation. Regarding posting of material at the designated outdoor posting kiosk, and about sign posted at House. The signs are posted outside of the posting kiosk area and is therefore a violation. Violation 3, submitted by Mr. Spears. The banners at Alpha Delta Pi and Chi Omega on February 21<sup>st</sup> the Amplify banners placed on sorority houses should have been removed.

Elections Commission: If they are the sorority banners, they are constitutionally free speech. There is not proof of the second banner submitted. Do not want to overstep the power of this commission and challenge free speech.

Unite Party: Banners should have been submitted to the SOE for approval.

Elections Commission: What should amplify do if they ask the sorority to take the banner down and they do not comply?

Unite Party: The Amplify movement should make a good faith effort to reach out and request the banner be removed.

Elections Commission: Are you aware SC vs John Walker. Supreme Court states Ch.700 Election code is only enforced 3 weeks prior to the election. Election code is not applicable after the election. What is the impact of leaving campaign materials after the election as they cannot sway votes?

Unite Party: There was a large Wi-fi outage, lasting from 6:25 to 7:10 and this could call for a second election. Leaving campaign materials up could impact votes if there would be a second election.

c. The Amplify Movement is allotted 15 minutes to present their case.

Amplify Movement: 1<sup>st</sup> allegation, pictures of yard signs. Only two signs pictured, and the claim is that there are 4. Additionally, the posting map cannot be used with any sort of accuracy. The map provided cannot indicate precise location. The picture was taken Wednesday before polls closed and therefore should not be in violation. The other picture is on Landis and does not apply. Not following Union policy 3B is irrelevant because nothing was posted in the Union. Additionally, The Amplify Movement was not promoting an event, rather a movement. Not asking for any sort of donation. Not bearing the name of an entity or violation to not use SGA logos. Amplify is not promoting an event, promoting an idea. The sign in violation of posting was removed Thursday evening. Evidence sent by Evan Steinberg. All the signs were removed but two unaccounted for. Nobody could account for the locations of these signs. The signs were essentially lost and found at different locations as indicated by the map. Nobody in the Amplify party placed a sign at the integration statue. Not accusing any individual student of doing this, but stating it was not the Amplify movement. Any of the signs can be moved and relocated easily by any passerby. All the signs however are now in possession of the Amplify Movement. All signs were placed Wednesday and collected Thursday except for the two signs that were relocated. Regarding the banners located on sorority houses after alleged time frame. Although they are campaign materials, they are not property of Amplify Movement and are the property of the sorority. We have evidence that the Amplify Movement reached out to the sororities prior to the deadline and requested removal of the materials. The Amplify Movement did not ask to receive any of the materials back.  
3 minutes 45 seconds left for closing.

\*Amplify Movement shows evidence to Elections Commission and Unite Party. Campaign manager sent message to all Amplify Movement members to remove all campaign materials. Members from each sorority is present in the group chat.

d. The Unite Party is given a 5 minute closing

The Unite Party: There is a date present on the signs and therefore cannot be defined as a movement and is in fact in event that is being advertising. Contending the location of the free-standing signs. The FSU Ogelsby Union regulations apply to the campus as a whole, not just at the Union. Using my final minutes I would like to redraw attention to 703.2, there is evidence submitted but no action taken and there is proof they were submitted in a timely manner. We feel the violation should still be heard and request Elections Commission takes a look at the Google Drive.

\*The Unite Party was in touch with the SOE and they were informed the Elections Commission would not hear them as they were not found.

Elections Commission: This is improper procedure and the violation still will not be heard.

The Unite Party: We apologize for misspeaking, we wanted the violations to be heard and were not sure what to do at this point. In conclusion, there are 6 signs in total with allegations against them. We are not contesting time, but location. The signs in question fail to provide adequate information to get in touch with the group or organization.

e. The Amplify Movement is given a 5 minute closing

The Amplify Party: The lack of timeliness by Unite Party and failure to report shows they are not here to hold anyone accountable but punish the victors of the elections. Ogelsby Union posting policies do not apply to any of these signs. The Unite Party did not try to correct anything prior to the election. They went as far as to say we should trespass on to private property in order to steal back campaign materials. The Unite Party wants clear and convincing evidence that the signs were moved. The yard signs that were lost were all pickled up after they had been notified of the location. The Amplify Party also made a good faith effort to have the signs by the sororities removed.

1 minute and 40 seconds left.

- f. If the case before the Elections Commission is an alleged violation, the Elections Commission shall then rule by majority vote on the following:
  - 1. If the alleged violation at hand, when proved would constitute a violation at all.
  - 2. Whether or not the alleged violation should be sustained.
- g. The Commission shall be entitled to extend the allotted time for both parties by up to thirty (30) minutes through a majority vote.
- h. The Commission shall post the results of the meeting within twenty-four (24) hours. The commission has ruled no violation on all 3 violations. The written copy shall be posted and distributed within 24 hours. You have 48 hours to appeal.

II.

- a. Supervisor of Elections (Alexis) will read aloud the alleged violation that the Commission will hear during the meeting
  - i. Violation 2: The Unite Party v. The Amplify Movement
- b. The Unite Party is allotted 15 minutes to present their case.
- c. The Amplify Movement is allotted 15 minutes to present their case.
- d. The Unite Party is given a 5 minute closing
- e. The Amplify Movement is given a 5 minute closing
- f. If the case before the Elections Commission is an alleged violation, the Elections Commission shall then rule by majority vote on the following:
  - 3. If the alleged violation at hand, when proved would constitute a violation at all.
  - 4. Whether or not the alleged violation should be sustained.
- g. The Commission shall be entitled to extend the allotted time for both parties by up to thirty (30) minutes through a majority vote.
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III.

- a. Supervisor of Elections (Alexis) will read aloud the alleged violation that the Commission will hear during the meeting
  - i. Violation 3: The Unite Party v. The Amplify Movement
- b. The Unite Party is allotted 15 minutes to present their case.
- c. The Amplify Movement is allotted 15 minutes to present their case.
- d. The Unite Party is given a 5 minute closing
- e. The Amplify Movement is given a 5 minute closing
- f. If the case before the Elections Commission is an alleged violation, the Elections Commission shall then rule by majority vote on the following:
  5. If the alleged violation at hand, when proved would constitute a violation at all.
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