TO: Campus Media
FROM: Election Committee, Judicial Council
DATE: January 29th, 2016, TIME
RE: Robinson-Blais campaign violation and sanction

ELECTIONS MEMORANDUM FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Pursuant to Section 13.5 of the Constitution of the Undergraduate Student Body of the University of Notre Dame du Lac, the Election Committee of the Judicial Council must inform the campus media outlets that it has found the Robinson-Blais ticket in the Student Body Presidential/Vice-Presidential Election in violation of Section 17.1(d) of the Student Union Constitution.

Section 17.1(d) reads, “Campaigning may be held only over a period specified by the Election Committee. Campaigning consists of any public contact for the solicitation of votes. Personal appearances, placement of posters, or distributions of any election materials is considered campaigning. Any campaigning before or after the specified period is a violation of campaign rules, the penalty for which may include a maximum penalty of forfeiture of candidacy. Campaigning within LaFortune is allowed only in the basement and the 1st floor. The only exception to this is the radio station WVFI. In addition, no campaigning may take place in or near any Student Union office or venues occupied by the Student Union, including (but not limited to) all meetings, events, or agendas of official business, as well as space that is funded by the Student Activities Office. In addition, no candidates may campaign in any classroom whether before, during, or after class period. A violator’s punishment is up to the discretion of the Election Committee.”

Section 17.1(d) was violated due to an interview which was conducted with a media outlet before campaigning could constitutionally begin; this interview was determined to constitute campaigning.

The Election Committee determined that the sanction imposed is a complete suspension of campaigning until 12:00 AM on Tuesday, February 2nd.

Pursuant to Section 13.5(e) all information regarding the above incident excluded from this memo is confidential. The full elections regulations can be found on the Judicial Council website: jcouncil.nd.edu