



## **Precedent of the Election Committee**

Allegation 2223-04

*The following is the precedent of the 2022-2023 Election Committee. This precedent should only be used to view past Election Committee's rulings and should not be used to predict future outcomes. The Election Committee investigates each situation independent of another, and thus, precedent is not binding.*

The Election Committee has found the alleged party in violation of Article XV, Section 1(d)(3) of the Student Union Constitution, which reads: "No candidate may petition or campaign outside of the petitioning or campaigning period declared by the Election Committee. Petitioning or campaigning within LaFortune is not allowed in the 1st floor main lobby, 2nd floor, or 3rd floor. Petitioning or campaigning within Duncan Student Center is allowed only on the 1st floor, with the exception of the radio station WVFI and other campus media outlets with prescheduled appointments only. No petitioning or campaigning may take place in or near any Student Union office or venues occupied by the Student Union, or any space that is funded by the Student Activities Office. No one may petition or campaign in any venue while occupied by a class period, exam, or during the passing period directly before or after within the class venue. All petitioning and campaigning must adhere to all Student Activities Policies." The Committee has imposed the following sanction: "The [alleged party] shall remove the campaign poster in question immediately and shall issue an apology on their primary campaign social media account acknowledging the violation." The Committee's reasoning is summarized below.

### **Relevant Facts:**

The alleged party, a Student Body President/Vice-President ticket, placed a campaign poster on a bulletin board on the third floor of the LaFortune Student Center, an area where campaigning is explicitly prohibited per the Student Union Constitution.

### **Holdings:**

1. Campaigning on the third floor of the LaFortune Student Center is prohibited per Article XV, Section 1(d)(3).



- a. The alleged party placed a campaign poster on a bulletin board on the third floor of the LaFortune Student Center where campaigning is prohibited. Thus, Article XV, Section 1(d)(3) has been violated.

### **Sanctioning**

1. The Election Committee imposed the sanction of immediate removal of the campaign poster in question and the alleged party shall issue an apology on their primary campaign social media account acknowledging the violation.
  - a. The Election Committee reasoned that the campaign poster in question should be removed immediately since the placement of the poster was a violation of Article XV, Section 1(d)(3). Additionally, the Election Committee also reasoned that the alleged party should also issue an apology on their primary campaign social media account acknowledging the violation.