

Parties:

- Complainant - Ajibola Adigun (Jibs) - A candidate for the position of VP Student Life in the GSA General Election 2024
- Respondent - Benjamin Kucher - A candidate for the position of VP Student Life in the GSA General Election 2024
- CRO - Sophie Shi

Original CRO Decision:

“The announcement of candidacy is not perceived as an issue. However, the screenshot of the quote with the candidate’s name and position they are running for would have been considered campaign material during the campaign period, therefore it can be considered as such now. For this, the Respondent is being issued a \$10 spending limit deduction (i.e., they can only spend \$140 maximum out of the \$150 allowed). This penalty has already been issued in response to an earlier complaint.”

Relevant Bylaw and Policy:

I.POL.10.1 “The campaign period will last at least seven (7) calendar days and will begin no earlier than the day following the All-Candidates Meeting” (GSA Bylaw and Policy, Section

H.POL.15.7.b - GSA ACB Hearing Committee decisions are final and binding.

Decision:

In regards to the violation of I.POL.10.1, the ACB understands that candidates were not required to take down digital campaign material, however the material was re-posted to your story outside of a campaigning period and is therefore considered new material and a violation of the bylaw. The ACB will dismiss this appeal.

Signed,



Laura Manerus
GSA ACB Hearing Committee Chair