On April 12, 2018, Delaney Sell submitted a formal complaint against Victoria Edwards claiming violation of SGA by-laws Article 5, Section 5, Subsection 1 Items A, C, E, and F. Additionally, Sell stated that Edwards violated the University Policy 04.013, Items 1 and 2. A formal hearing was held on Monday, April 16, 2018. Below are the findings from this hearing.

Parties Present: Delaney Sell, Victoria Edwards, Stephon Bradberry, and Misaki Collins

**Alleged Violation:** The tabling event, near Sage Hall, where Gatorade was distributed by Victoria Edwards on behalf of the Kara/Thomas ticket broke the following SGA bylaws and University Policy:

**Article 5, Section 5, Subsection 1, Items C, F, and I: General Campaign Rules**

A. Candidates and Referendum Parties shall take reasonable measures to ensure that every individual campaigning on behalf of or volunteering for the candidate/Referendum Party is aware of campaign regulations and guidelines. Candidates/Referendum Parties may be liable for the campaign infractions of their campaigners and volunteers even if the candidate/Referendum Party did not specifically direct the offending action.

C. Candidates and Referendum Parties shall abide by all University policy, which supersedes Election Board mandates and Election Code regulations.

E. Candidates and Referendum Parties shall not unduly disrupt the normal activities of the University.

F. Candidates and Referendum Parties shall assume responsibility for the accuracy and truthfulness of their statements and campaign materials.

University Policy 04.013 Items 1 & Item 2 (policy.unt.edu)

**Decision:** Through a unanimous vote, the SGA Election Board decided that these by-laws and University Policy were not violated because the Election Board believes they have abided by University Policy. The Kara/Thomas campaign received approval from the appropriate University Departments in order to have Gatorade at their tabling event. The University departments failed to realize that Gatorade is a Pepsi product and not a Coca Cola product. Once again, the Kara/Thomas campaign took the necessary steps to abide by both SGA bylaws and University Policy. The Election Board reiterates that the function of the Board itself is to interpret the Election Code in regards to complaints. The jurisdiction of the Board lies solely on the unbiased interpretation of the Election Code.
Sincerely,
The SGA Election Board

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Election Board Member

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