

Spring 2018 Election Certification Addendum

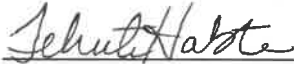
President /Vice-President

Vote Total: 1,897 (6.6% of the undergraduate population)

President/Vice President	# of Votes	% of Vote
Misaki Collins/Ipi Adedokun	850	47%
Muhammad Kara/Dominique Thomas	946	53%

The original voter count for Muhammad Kara and Dominique Thomas was 1,047 (55% of the vote). One hundred and one (101) votes were removed from their total to reflect the Election Board's April 12th decision and the Supreme Court's April 15th decision. See <http://sga.unt.edu> for more information on these hearings.

We hereby certify the results to be accurate as of Monday, April 16, 2018.



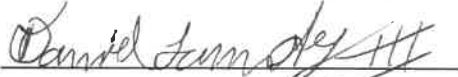
Tehute Habte, Election Commissioner



Matthew Hare, Election Board Member



Tommy Hughes, Election Board Member



Daniel Landry III, Election Board Member



Melissa McGuire, Election Board Advisor

4/15/2018

The Student Government Association Supreme Court ruled on April 15th, 2018 on the case of the appeal of Election Board Hearing that took place on April 10th, 2018. The Supreme Court case was filed by Misaki Collins on April 12th, 2018.

The Court ruled by a vote of 6-0 that the Thomas/Kara campaign was in violation of the Election Code prior to the date put forth by the Election Calendar.

The Election Board ruled on April 10th, 2018 that the Thomas/Kara ticket violated the Election Code. On April 15th the Supreme Court ruled by a vote of 6-0 that the Election Board should have sanctioned the Thomas/Kara campaign. The Court ruled with a vote of 5-1 that one vote will be removed from the Thomas/Kara ticket due to Evan Jones receiving a message about supporting Thomas' campaign prior to the start of campaigning.

The Election Board will recertify the results on April 16th, 2018 due to the Court's ruling.

Sincerely,
The SGA Supreme Court

Courtney Sanchez
Chief Justice, SGA Supreme Court

Chris Schufford
Supreme Court Justice

Haley Barnes
Supreme Court Justice

Hope Hernandez
Supreme Court Justice

Michaela Wright
Supreme Court Justice

Rex Eastepp
Supreme Court Justice

Taylor Santori
Supreme Court Justice

Christa Coffey
SGA Advisor

April 16, 2018

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

Tehute Habte
Election Commissioner

Tommy Hughes
Election Board Member

Daniel Landry III
Election Board Member

Matthew Hare
Election Board Member

University of North Texas

Student Government Association – Election Board Hearing

April 16, 2018

Type of Meeting: Hearing

Meeting facilitator: Tehute Habte

1. Call to Order:
2. Roll Call: 3:25
 - a. Tehute Habte
 - b. Daniel Landry III
 - c. Tommy Hughes
 - d. Matthew Hare
3. Attendees:
 - a. Delaney sell
 - b. Victoria Edwards
 - c. Stephone Bradberry
 - d. Misaki Collins
4. Delaney
 - a. So Thursday last week I was out tabling last week, next to the table Victoria's table and we saw Gatorade bottles.
5. Misaki
 - a. We are a Coke a Cola school, Vicki Coffee said that we cannot hand out anything else other than Coke A Cola Products. I have emails to show you guys as well. We

also want to mention that this disrupts school policy. This can bring up legal actions to the school. Even if it was okay the By Laws state that this is still a rule that was mentioned in the election code meeting.

6. Victoria

- a. So, we originally when we bought them we didn't buy them to solicit them out. We originally bought them for the volunteers. We were only using the Gatorade bottles as paper weights because it was very windy. We never offered them to the students

7. Stephon

- i. We asked if we could use them as paper weights and not hand them out to students. We got permission that it was okay to use them on paper weights as long as we don't pass them out. We followed all the rules and never handed them out. I also have all the Gatorade that was there that day. Again, I made sure that it was okay and again we did get permission to use them to hold the papers down.

8. Misaki

- i. We have multiple pictures for you guys on my phone.

9. Delaney

- i. I saw multiple people come up and take the Gatorades. They were giving them out, they were not specifically for the volunteers. They said, "sure go ahead and take one". They clearly had more Gatorade to give out.

10. Victoria

- a. When people came up to me and said we were thirsty we just said, “sure of course you can have something to drink”. Yes, the Gatorades did appear to disappear towards the end of the day only because people were really thirsty.

We had more only because we needed more for our volunteers.

11. Period of Discussion

12. Adjournment: 4:00