April 11, 2018

On April 8, 2018, Ipi Adedokun submitted a formal complaint against Dominique Thomas claiming she violated SGA by-laws Article 5.5.1.B. A formal hearing was held on Tuesday, April 10, 2018. Below are the findings from this hearing.

Parties Present: Muhammad Kara, Dominique Thomas, Misaki Collins, and Ipi Adedokun

**Alleged Violation:** The GroupMe message sent out by Thomas on Sunday, March 18, 2018 at 1:29 PM broke the following SGA by-laws:

**Article 5, Section 5, Subsection 1, Item B: General Campaign Rules**

B. Candidates may only begin publicizing their campaigns after the Election Code meeting has been satisfied and on the date set forth by the Election Calendar. Referendum parties may only begin publicizing their campaigns on the date set forth by the Election Calendar. If candidates or Referendum Parties are found publicizing their campaigns in any way before the above dates, it is grounds for disqualification.

**Decision:** Through a unanimous vote, the SGA Election Board decided that these by-laws were violated because Thomas sent an email to a student named in the complaint prior to the date put forth by the Election Calendar. On a 2-1 vote, the Election Board believes that this violation did not alter the outcome of this election. 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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