

Spring 2019 SGA Election Certification

President /Vice-President

Overall Vote Total: 1265 (3.6% of the undergraduate population)

President/Vice President	# of Votes	% of Vote*
Yolian Ogbu/Hillary Shah	634	58%
Kennedy Edward Montgomery/Khalil Anthony	434	40%

*Total percentage does not equal 100% because of invalid write-ins.

The original vote count for the Ogbu/Shah team was 754 (62% of the vote). Sixty (60) votes were removed from their total to reflect the Election Board’s April 12, 2019 decision. The original vote count for the Montgomery/Anthony team was 435 (40% of the vote). One (1) vote was removed from their total to reflect the Election Board’s April 11, 2019 decision. See <http://sga.unt.edu> for more information on these hearings.


College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences/School of Journalism Senator Revote


College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences/School of Journalism – 12 seats available	# of Votes	% of Vote
Bailey Dawn Bender	58	7.6%
Mac Cepeda	49	6.42%
Mariah Cruz	50	6.55%
Derek Foshee	61	7.99%
Jazmin Gamez	79	10.35%
Kevin Herrera	42	5.5%
Nick Kann	52	6.81%
Ryan Keller	39	5.11%
Subhecha Niraula	104	13.63%
Daniel Ojo	86	11.27%
Madison Ripley	63	8.25%
Marisela Zubia	60	7.86%
Write-In: Devon Skinner	11	

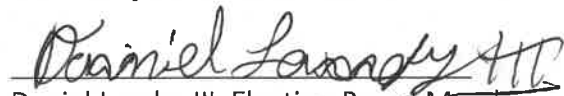
We hereby certify the results to be accurate as of Friday, April 12, 2019.



Paige Sennet, Election Commissioner


Ben Livesay, Election Board Member


Evan Irvin, Election Board Member


Ivalis Guajardo, Election Board Member


Daniel Landry III, Election Board Member


Melissa McGuire, Election Board Advisor

April 10, 2019

On April 10, 2019, Melanie White submitted a formal complaint against Kennedy Montgomery and Khalil Anthony claiming violation of SGA Election Code Article 5, Section 4, Item E stating that the Montgomery/Anthony campaign violated the Election Code.

Parties Present: Paige Sennet, Chelsie Bruce, Ivalis Guajardo, Ben Livesay, Evan Irvin, Melanie White, and Khalil Anthony

Alleged Violation: At the UNT Rec Center, the Montgomery/Anthony campaign was seen passing out items in exchange for students to vote and disrupting day to day activities of students by calling students to the table.

Article 5, Section 2, Items E: General Campaigning:

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

Policies of the University of North Texas- 04.013 SOLICITATION

Decision: Through a unanimous vote, the SGA Election Board decided there was not an SGA Election Code violation. Moreso, the Election Board does not feel the stated action altered the outcome of the election in a bias way. If there is any additional complaints regarding the violation of University Policy, we recommend the issue be taken to the Dean of Students.

Sincerely,
The SGA Election Board

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Election Commissioner

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Election Board Member

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Information: Noah Hutchinson filed a complaint against the Montgomery/Anthony party for them allowing outside housing to sponsor them. Noah referenced Article V, Section 4, Item A.

Hutchinson- The first complain is in article 5 section 2 subsection B; "on campus housing which are UNT campus facilities" each candidate is supposed to be able an equal chance; this "gives the election board the ability to infer that this privately owned facility is mostly occupied for UNT students and is directed for them- giving their campaign an unfair advantage" Although it was on social media, there is 5 different articles that it applies to. Although it is an off-campus facility, most residents are from UNT and this has the opportunity to sway the votes.

Anthony- In the election code it does state that the prohibited areas are on campus housing, these places were not direct entities of UNT housing. We did not ask for permission because we did not ask them to post the post on their social media, they did that independently. It specifically says in the election code that it is only applying to on campus housing, anyone could've reached out to these places.

Hutchinson Rebuttal- article 2 sub 2 sub A/B, although it only specifies on campus housing election board has the opportunity to interpret that, and this does not give everyone an equal opportunity because most of the republic's residents go to UNT. Door to door due the channel of which he got this post out there. There needed to be clear verification from the republic presented to the election board

Anthony Rebuttal- election code specifically says on campus housing; its not unfair that we wanted to represent all of our students and keep all of them informed. The republic posted it themselves, there was no flyers, we had no way of sneaking into their social media, they had the option to post it and they did. Nowhere was it stated that we could not reach out to off campus housing.

Decision: Since it is not UNT housing or owned by the university and the party received proper permission we do not believe that there is an election code violation.

April 10, 2019

On April 10, 2019, Noah Hutchinson submitted a formal complaint against Kennedy Montgomery and Khalil Anthony claiming violation of SGA by-laws Article 5, Section 2, Subsection E stating that the Montgomery/Anthony campaign violated the Election Code by receiving an endorsement from the Republic of Denton.

Parties Present: Paige Sennet, Chelsie Bruce, Ivalis Guajardo, Ben Livesay, Evan Irvin, Noah Hutchinson, and Khalil Anthony

Alleged Violation: The Republic of Denton posted a picture of the Montgomery/Anthony campaign ticket which violates Article 5, Section 4, Item A regarding door to door campaigning.

Article 5, Section 4, Items A: Restrictions on Special Buildings and Areas

A. Candidates and Referendum Parties shall not campaign or display in any manner campaign material within fifty (50) feet of restricted zones. The following areas and buildings are off limits to during campaigning;

- a. The SGA Office--any materials that are campaign related may not be stored or left in the SGA Office.
- b. Campus Housing--all campaigning or campaign material in or on the property of UNT Housing requires the expressed consent of the Director of UNT Housing & Residence life or designee, and must abide by UNT Housing policies. Door-to-door campaigning shall not be permitted under any circumstances.
- c. All UNT Libraries
- d. The 4th floor of the Union
- e. Any UNT Restroom
- f. Off Campus Bars

Decision: Through a unanimous vote, the SGA Election Board decided that there was not an Election Code violation as an apartment complex does not constitute UNT Housing. Furthermore, the Election Board does not feel that the action in the complaint altered the outcome of the election in a bias manner.

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Information: Melanie White filed a complaint against the Montgomery/Anthony ticket for passing out candy and bracelets in exchange for votes. Melanie references Article V, Section 2, Item E and Section 9, Article I, Item I.

White- I walked in at 3:30 on Tuesday and to my right in front of the rock climbing wall, Kennedy was there with a large sign, free bracelets and free candy "Free bracelets if you voted" societal pressure of being given something by someone to do something that they want you to do. Someone walked by and Kennedy asked if he had voted and he said yes, and asked if he could still have a bracelet and Kennedy said "sorry man" Item 9: tabling rules, food has to be cleared by risk management, wants clarification if it is there. This affects the outcome of the election because they would not have voted if Kennedy wasn't there giving things to them.

Anthony- As a university union building manager, I am very familiar with the solicitation policy. We never spoke with someone saying that you have to vote for us in order to get what we were giving out. In the past there has been "elections and pizza" where if you voted you got pizza those were current candidates. Kennedy was behind the table, not watching them vote or leaning over watching who they voted for. We could be helping both candidates receive votes from this, because you get something if you have proof that you voted not necessarily voting for us. If the table was where the rec puts the table, then it is not us disrupting traffic flow if that's where the rec decided was the best location for the table. There is no evidence that Kennedy was yelling either.

White Rebuttal- It was not a matter of they're interrupting based on the placement it was more look at this big sign have you voted for us not if you already had voted. It is the fact that he was sitting there with the big poster and the bracelets to prompt people to vote for him. It doesn't matter that he didn't say it was the fact that he was there soliciting because he was calling people over to vote.

Anthony Rebuttal- As stated, there is no evidence showing that Kennedy was disrupting anyone. Just because someone asks me to fill something out doesn't mean that they are forcing me to put anything down. Kennedy does not have an influence on what anyone else does. The conversation was as quoted "Hey have you voted" I don't understand what the issue is with us encouraging the student body to do their civic duty. They get an item after they vote regardless of who they vote for.

Decision: We found that there is no election code violation because the verbiage used by the Montgomery/Anthony party did not say that there would be an exchange of snacks/bracelets for a vote towards the Montgomery/Anthony party. In addition, we recommended to Melanie White to reporting the incident to the Dean of Students for potential policy violation regarding candy.

April 12, 2019

On April 10, 2019, Emily Nguyen submitted a formal complaint against Yolian Ogbu and Hillary Shah claiming violation of SGA Election Code Article 5, Section 2, Item G stating that the Ogbu/Shah campaign violated the Election Code.

Parties Present: Paige Sennet, Chelsie Bruce, Russell Lemelle, Ben Livesay, Daniel Landry III, Evan Irvin, Yolian Ogbu, Hillary Shah, and Khalil Anthony

Alleged Violation: The NTDaily's article supporting the Ogbu/Shah campaign violated the election code Article 5, Section 2, Item G.

Article 5, Section 2, Items G: General Campaigning:

No University, State, or public funds may be used by Candidates. For candidate campaigns, this includes the utilization of employee work time. No candidate may solicit campaign assistance from an employee during the employee's work hours. Referendum Parties shall be limited to spending no more than \$650 in state or student fee funds for campaign purposes.

Decision: Through a unanimous vote, the SGA Election Board decided there was not an SGA Election Code violation. Moreso, the Election Board does not feel the stated action altered the outcome of the election in a bias way.

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Intro- A complaint was filed about the opinion piece written by the NTDaily claiming that it violated Election Code Article 5, Section 2, Item G. Khalil Anthony was asked by Emily Nguyen to speak on their behalf.

Anthony: Because NTDaily is sponsored by Student Service Fees, the campaign used University money to sponsor a campaign which is against the rules. I believe that since NTDaily not only uses student service fees but also considers themselves the official newspaper of UNT that they should be allowed to give campaign assistance

Ogbu/Shah: The NTDaily did not have any affiliation with us before we began our campaign other than what was stated. We don't think that there is a violation because they said clearly "The editorial board of the NT Daily" supports the campaign. We did not ask for this and we don't think there is a violation.

Anthony: No other student organization is given student service fee money and they use the money to post on their website and write. Because they use student service fee money and being called the official newspaper, people will be swayed to think that this is the correct choice and my fees pay for this.

Ogbu/Shah: If you look at presidential campaigns around the nation, newspapers always give their opinion about politics and UNT should be able to do the same. We did not have any hand in this article being written and it clearly states that it was from the editorial board, not overall NT Daily.

April 12, 2019

On April 10, 2019, Taylor Diaz submitted a formal complaint against Kennedy Montgomery and Khalil Anthony claiming violation of SGA Election Code Article 5, Section 2, Item E stating that the Montgomery/Anthony campaign violated the Election Code.

Parties Present: Paige Sennet, Chelsie Bruce, Russell Lemelle, Ben Livesay, Daniel Landry III, Evan Irvin, Taylor Diaz, Kennedy Montgomery, and Khalil Anthony

Alleged Violation: In the Library Mall, the Montgomery/Anthony campaign was seen soliciting votes and called out to a UNT employee during the soliciting.

Article 5, Section 2, Items E: General Campaigning:

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Decision: Through a 5-1 vote, the SGA Election Board decided there was an SGA Election Code violation. Moreso, the Election Board does feel the stated action altered the outcome of the election in a bias way. The Election Board will remove 1 vote from the Montgomery/Anthony Campaign.

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Introduction- A complaint was filed against Khalil Anthony citing the use of solicitation to obtain votes

Shah: Anthony was seen yelling to students for candy if they voted in the SGA elections. Then, if they come to vote, Anthony would hover over the computer to make sure that the vote was for their campaign team. There was obvious pressure for students to vote for their campaign because of the bracelets present with their name and logo on it for their campaign. If people already voted they were not offered candy. In addition, the candy that was passed out was not Coca-Cola brand and therefore did not get approval from risk management. This put students at risk of allergens. Anthony did not offer candy to us as we walked by.

Anthony: I was calling out to people but I wasn't yelling or disrupting any activity. I offered candy first and then asked students if they had voted yet. I offered students candy even if they had voted. I offered Shah candy just as I offered everyone candy. I am a Union building manager so I received permission from the Risk Manager on duty if I could use the candy and was given approval.

Shah: I believe that since Anthony did not get proper permissions in paperwork and was soliciting votes, this is a direct violation of the election code.

Anthony: I was offering people candy and asking if they voted. I did not force anyone to vote for our campaign and I did not hover behind anyone while they voted.

Decision: There was not an election code violation. The potential violation of University Policy should be addressed with Dean of Students.

April 12, 2019

On April 10, 2019, Hillary Shah submitted a formal complaint against Khalil Anthony claiming violation of SGA Election Code Article 5, Section 2, Item E stating that Khalil Anthony violated the Election Code.

Parties Present: Paige Sennet, Chelsie Bruce, Russell Lemelle, Ben Livesay, Daniel Landry III, Evan Irvin, Hillary Shah, and Khalil Anthony

Alleged Violation: Khalil Anthony was seen calling out to students to solicit votes using candy and wristband in the Union.

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Decision: Through a unanimous vote, the SGA Election Board decided there was not an SGA Election Code violation. Moreso, the Election Board does not feel the stated action altered the outcome of the election in a bias way. If there is any additional complaints regarding the violation of University Policy, we recommend the issue be taken to the Dean of Students.

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Intro- This is against the Montgomery/Anthony campaign. Khalil Anthony was seen in the library mall calling out to students. When doing so, Anthony called out to Taylor Diaz while they were working. Diaz filed a complaint stating a violation of Election Code Article 5, Section 2, Item E.

Diaz- While I was driving, Anthony called my name and while I was obviously working and to other students while they were walking to class and in the library mall. This was not only disruptive to students but I am a paid employee and was being solicited during work hours

Montgomery/Anthony: We were well within our right to solicit votes to students. We did not yell or force students to vote, we were simply calling out to people and asking them if they voted.

Diaz: I was driving to my area of campus and was being called. I was in uniform. I am a UNT employee and I believe that this was a violation of the election code.

Montgomery/Anthony: We don't believe that our solicitation was a violation of the election code.

Decision: There was a violation in the election code because the Montgomery/Anthony campaign did solicit campaign assistance to Diaz while on the clock. We will remove one vote from the Montgomery/Anthony campaign.

April 12, 2019

Peyton Paige Sennet
Election Commissioner

Ben Livesay
Election Board Member

Evan Irvin
Election Board Member

Ivalis Guajardo
Election Board Member

Daniel Landry III
Election Board Member

Intro- This against the Ogbu/Shah Campaign. Hillary Shah was seen in area 2 by the Union, Tana Fisk was not confident that Shah had not received proper approval for that tabling. Fisk filed a complain stating a violation of Election Code Article V, Section 2, Item C.

Fisk: On Monday I was in the SGA office talking to senators, and I noticed Hillary out there tabling and it didn't look like a union table so that made me initially suspicious and I knew there was rules so it didn't seem right. I talked to Khalil and he said that no one was supposed to be tabling that day because no one was approved, and I know you have to go through Mo and Krysta to get approved for tabling for President and VP. And after going through the people that had reserved tables I saw they hadn't and that rubbed me the wrong way because in previously in the last election people had done something not as bad and got a lot of points off.

Shah: Mo told me that we could not have tabling. The learning center lab told us directly that we could table in sage lawn and we found there was no way we could get through to sage lawn through the union. We were told that many different groups have gotten through that due to the learning center and the building manager and employee that we were able to do that on sage lawn. As well as the fact that they told us if you get asked to move, move so we tabled there for about two hours. People from the SGA office told us that we probably shouldn't do that. A member of the union staff told us we had to leave. So after that we stopped tabling and we meant no disrespect but I thought we went through the right channels. [Shah provided a letter from Elizabeth Berry a staffer at the Sage Hall giving unofficial permission]

Fisk Rebuttal: I don't know how the sage lawn works but it does show that she was in area 2 because that looks like a place that the union has jurisdiction over because I know the union approves tables for over there and I wanted to make sure the right precautions were taking.

Shah Rebuttal: We talked to Aaron Anderson the building manager from sage told us that he had done it before and that we didn't have to go through the union for that he checked the location that

April 8, 2019

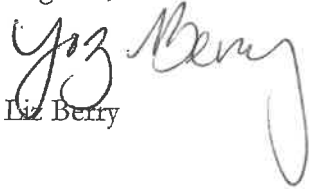
RE: Use of Sage (North Campus) Lawn for SGA Electioneering

Ms. Ogbu and Ms. Shaw inquired about tabling on the Sage (North Campus) Lawn from April 8-10—the election period for SGA 2019. A Learning Center staffer, Elizabeth Berry, did not locate any avenue to request formal reservation for the space, nor did she find any rules against said space in the published election rules. Ms. Berry acknowledges that the Learning Center does not have ownership over the location and cannot grant formal reservations for the space, nor dictate what groups can interact with students in the space.

If UNT staff requires that campaign activities not occur in this location, Ms. Ogbu and Ms. Shaw will relocate to another sanctioned location.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Liz Berry at 940.369.8887, Elizabeth.Berry@unt.edu or in the Sage Hall Academic Success Center, suite 170.

Regards,


Liz Berry