

Election Board
Student Government Association
22 April 2016

INVESTIGATION OF ELECTION CODE VIOLATIONS
As filed by Sierra Shepherd

PARTIES PRESENT

Aaron Davis, Election Commissioner
Marlena Jordan, Election Board Member
Kelsey Chippeaux, Election Board Member
Jena Chakour, Election Board Member
Jon Hernandez, Election Board Member
Christa Coffey, SGA Advisor

Sam DeLeon, Senator
Owen Saenz, Senator

RULING OF THE BOARD

Upon careful consideration, the Election Board ruled unanimously (4-0, with Commissioner Davis abstaining) that there was insufficient evidence to support the claim of an Election Code Violation.

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Complaint Submitted

“On Monday April 18th, the day that voting began, I was tabling in the union- directly to the left of the main entrance of the facing Willis Mall. Others present with me were Barrett Cole and Fabiola Garcia, as Ian McFarland had just left for class. I was on my way back from the syndicate, just getting an idea of potential voters in the area. When I arrived back to the table, I looked over to see voters approaching Sam and Owen's table, students being asked to log into org sync with their EUID, and then the computer being turned around as someone voted for them and then waved them off nicely and thanked them for voting. Neither Sam or Owen were present at the table, just Bianca Mujica who was administering voting on a computer while sitting down and Abby King who was standing behind the table with her. I observed this occurrence at 11:40 that morning. I watched this happen another time before leaving my tabling shift. After talking with my constituents about what I'd observed, Kelly Phommachanh shared with me that she knew someone who shared their own experience of this same thing happening to them- that someone had taken whatever device was being used and ‘voted for [him].”

Bylaws Violation

Article V, Section 1.D.

The Election Code is intended to provide for the fairness, equitability, and efficiency of all SGA elections with respect to candidates, Referendum Parties, and voters. In the absence of established guidelines, rulings concerning elections should be made with this principle in mind.