

Election Board  
Student Government Association  
22 April 2016

INVESTIGATION OF ELECTION CODE VIOLATIONS

As filed by Sam DeLeon

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  
Barrett Cole, Senator  
Grant Hale, Chief of Staff

RULING OF THE BOARD

Upon careful consideration, the Election Board ruled unanimously (4-0, with Commissioner Davis abstaining) that any violation of the Election Code likely did not result in a significant impact on the results of the election.

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## Complaint

Based on the report of a Union student employee, your campaign was found tabling on the 3rd floor of the Union (Market Place 9) from the hours of 1-2PM. In doing so, you disrupted a UPC tabling event, forcing UPC's tabling event in front of the Multicultural Center.

The report also states that your team was also tabling on the 2nd floor of the Union when they were not authorized to.

Finally, there is a report of Senator Isaac Warriner & Senator-elect Misaki Collins soliciting votes on the staircases in the Union for the Hale/Cole ticket. Union staff reportedly told the team not to solicit votes on the staircases or near the doors of the Union.

### Bylaws Violation

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.

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Written Statement of Austin Bourdeau (UNT Union Employee)

So the other day I was working at the front desk at the Union. Around 1:30pm, my coworker, Mallory, told me that the people working at a table close to the desk was not scheduled to be there. So doing my job, I asked them if they had their slip from scheduling saying that they could table there. They said they didn't have it, so I asked them where they were supposed to be tabling. I told them that if they don't have the slip, then they are not allowed to be there. Part of my job is to make sure people are following the rules in the Union, so I was just trying to do my job. Isaac Warriner was the guy I was speaking too, and after he left for a few minutes to go "check" where he was supposed to be tabling, he came back and told me he wasn't supposed to be there and so they packed up. They were tabling for about 15-25 minutes before we noticed that they weren't supposed to be tabling there. Quite a few people had gone up and voted using the laptops they had set up.

But while this was happening, I also noticed that the Grant Hale campaign was also tabling on the third floor of the Union, but during the hour of 1pm to 2pm, UPC was supposed to be tabling during that hour. I went up to Grant Hale campaign and told them they weren't supposed to be there because they weren't scheduled to. I told them I didn't know if I had the authority to just kick them out since they were there all morning and UPC was tabling next to them, so I went back to the info desk and called the Scheduling office. Lisa, who works in the scheduling office told me to not get involved and that she would handle it.

And that's all of it. I didn't think it much of an issue for the election, more of an issue for the Union because people aren't allowed to table unless they scheduled it.

Lemme know if there's anything else you need to know!

Thank you,

Austin Bourdeau

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Written Statement of Joshua Lawson (UPC Officer)

On Wednesday from 1-2pm on the third floor of the Union, UPC had Table 9 reserved. I'm not positive where that is. There were two tables right at the entrance on the third floor, and two closer to the student org space. Since both tables at the entrance of the Union were taken by SGA candidates, we set up our marketing event at the table at the closest table to the entrance where we could still reach some of the student traffic. I did not approach either candidate table as I was not aware which table we had reserved. Let me know if you have any other questions.

Best,

Josh