

Minutes of Elections Board Meeting/  
Held in the Boca Raton Campus Elections Office  
Teleconferenced with the McArthur Campus Elections Office  
March 10, 2009

Present: Elections Chair, Maria Rivera  
McArthur Commissioner, Sunil Mathews Zachariah  
Boca Campus SG Advisor, Rivka Felsher  
MacArthur SG Advisor, Heather Bishara

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The meeting was called to order at 1:00PM to discuss Complaints and Contestations from the Spring 2009 General Election.

The Chair of Elections read the following seven Complaints and Contestations and were followed by a decision by the entire Board:

Complaint submitted by Allison Gentry and The Fresh Party, stated that VP candidate Collene O'Reilly used her position to campaign on official facebook governor group. Complaint was dismissed due to it not being a violation.

Complaint submitted by Allison Gentry and The Fresh Party, stated that Alex Van Meel, the Mission Green Student Coalition President, falsely spoke on behalf of the Fresh Party to aid "Your" Party. Complaint was dismissed due to insufficient evidence.

Complaint submitted by Allison Gentry and The Fresh Party, stated that President candidate Tiffany Weimar, and VP candidate Collene O'Reilly were actively campaigning in the COSO office, where the Fresh Party was misrepresented. Complaint was dismissed as a minor violation, with no hearing required as to it would have not ultimately, impacted election results.

Complaint submitted by Allison Gentry and The Fresh Party, stated that VP candidate Collene O'Reilly and "Your" Party was storing campaign t-shirts in the BSU office, which is in the Student Union. Complaint was dismissed due to insufficient evidence to demonstrate that it was in the Student Union.

Complaint submitted by Allison Gentry and the Fresh Party, stated that "Your" Party distributed "Your" party flyers with OWL's Gear advertisement. Complaint was dismissed due to the fact that Owls Gear is a known third party officially independent of the University and that the ticket bears no responsibility for the imprint on the back of their postcards.

Complaint submitted by "Your" Party, stated that President candidate Chuck Forbes published an electronic material threatening the reputation of President candidate, Tiffany Weimar, and attempted to bribe. Complaint was dismissed with a written warning to Charles Forbes due to that fact that although there was insufficient evidence to prove that the mail did not specifically violate a statute and that such an email when shared between two individuals in private would not have had an impact on the election results, it was an irresponsible communication that could have, under different circumstances, caused damage if spread publicly. In this case, however, no claim of actual damages was asserted nor evidence provided

Complaint submitted by "Your" party stated that the "Fresh" party had campaigning materials posted within the 50 foot radius of the online polling station, and that a poster board exceeding 22 inches by 25 inches was used for campaign purposes. Complaint was dismissed due to that these complaints were addressed by the Elections Board during the election and would not have had a major impact on the outcome of the election results.

Complaint submitted by "Your" party, stated that Jordan Chang, a "Fresh" party supporter used the prowlers official facebook group to send a notification to all its members telling them that Chuck Forbes

was running for SG president. Complaint was dismissed due to that Facebook is not an official University website, therefore no violation took place.

Complaint submitted by Boca Raton Campus Governor candidate Donald Karney, stated that “Your” party and the “Fresh” party alleged violations of not following the posting requirement to include a clause providing instructions for votes with disabilities. Complaint was dismissed due to the fact that these complaints were addressed by the Elections Board during the election and would not have had an impact on the outcome of the election results.