

Complaint 19-01 (02/22/19, 5:15 PM)

Suspected Violator(s): Mariah Johnson and Shinjini Srivastava

Suspected Violation: Violation of Article 3 Section 1 h Failure to attend a mandatory orientation.

Complaint Filed by: Jessica Siemer

Hearing: February 22, 2019, 6:00 PM

Determination: In Violation

Reason: The candidates were not present and did not communicate with the commissioner prior to the offered orientation sessions.

Sanction: The candidates have been disqualified from the election.

Complaint 19-02 (02/24/19, 1:37 PM)

Suspected Violator(s): Jesse Calixte

Suspected Violation: Violation of Article 4 Section 3 d, Pre-campaigning.

Complaint Filed by: Hamza Rahman

Hearing: February 24, 2019, 4:33 PM

Determination: In Violation

Reason: The candidate sent an email announcing his candidacy to members of the Muslim Student Association board.

Sanction: The candidate must suspend campaigning for 48-hours. The 48-hour suspension period commenced at 7:53 PM on 2/24/19 and will end at 7:53 PM on 2/26/19.

Complaint 19-03 (02/25/19, 4:48 PM)

Suspected Violator(s): Jordan Parker, Janii McIver and William Landers

Suspected Violation: Violation of Article 3 Section 1 h Failure to attend a mandatory orientation.

Complaint Filed by: Jez Catambay-Lopez

Hearing: February 25, 2019, 5:00 PM

Determination: In Violation

Reason: The candidates did not complete the mandatory iCollege course for Perimeter candidates and did not communicate with the commissioner to make alternate arrangements.

Sanction: The candidates have been disqualified from the election.

Complaint 19-04 (03/05/19, 3:53 PM)

Suspected Violator(s): Jesse Calixte, Shay'na Fields and Nigel Walton

Suspected Violation: Violation of Article 3 Section 4 C & D, Illegal Party

Complaint Filed by: Chris Garcia-Velazquez

Hearing: March 5, 2019, 6:00 PM

Determination: In Violation

Reason: During the hours 12-2 PM on 03/05/2019, materials related to all three candidate campaigns were distributed from the same table in Library Plaza. Per the Election Code, Presidential candidates may not campaign as part of a party, and EVP candidates may not campaign as part of a party with Senator candidates. During the same tabling event, the student organization, Vote Everywhere GSU, endorsed all three candidates via a picture of the tabling event on social media. Shay'na Fields was the only candidate to disclose Vote Everywhere GSU as an endorser.

Sanction: All three candidates have been found responsible for a Class C Violation and must suspend campaigning for 48-hours. Jesse Calixte and Nigel Walton must also submit an Endorsement Form disclosing Vote Everywhere GSU as an endorser by 03/06/2019 at 5 PM.

The 48-hour suspension period for Nigel Walton commenced at 7:45 PM on 03/05/2019 and will end at 03/07/2019 7:45 PM.

Endorsement Form accepted from Vote Everywhere GSU on 03/05/2019 at 11:43 PM for Jesse Calixte and Nigel Walton.

Appeal:

Appealed by: Jesse Calixte (received 03/05/2019 at 10:47 PM)

Notification of Student Judicial Board at 03/05/2019 at 11:35 PM

Campaigning is permitted pending result of appeal.

Decision: The Board overturned the Commission's decision (03/06/2019). Decision letter received by the Commission at 5:25pm on 03/07/2019. The sanction is repealed.

Appeal:

Appealed by: Shay'na Fields (received 03/05/2019 at 10:54 PM)

Notification of Student Judicial Board at 03/05/2019 at 11:35 PM

Campaigning is permitted pending result of appeal.

Decision: The Board overturned the Commission's decision (03/06/2019). Decision letter received by the Commission at 5:25pm on 03/07/2019. The sanction is repealed.

As the sanctions for the other two candidates were repealed, the Commission lifted the suspension on Nigel Walton's campaign.

Complaint 19-05 (03/05/19, 5:00 PM)

Suspected Violator(s): Jesse Calixte, Ashleigh Cochran, Ureeba Durrani, Fatoumata Fofana, Anthony Jones, Danny Mai, Kaylee Milani, Carmen Restrepo, Sarah Saied, Malik Tann, and Averyona Walters

Suspected Violation: Violation of Article 11 Section 2 C, Failure to submit a Financial Disclosure Statement.

Complaint Filed by: Jessica Siemer

Hearing: March 5, 2019, 6:00 PM

Determination: No Finding

Reason: The candidates did not complete a weekly Financial Disclosure Statement for the campaigning period of 02/23/2019 to 03/01/2019. A notification of an extension to 03/5/2019 at 5 PM, was sent out to Jesse Calixte, Ashleigh Cochran, Ureeba Durrani, Fatoumata Fofana, Anthony Jones, Danny Mai, Kaylee Milani, Carmen Restrepo, Sarah Saied, Malik Tann, and Averyona Walters. Ashleigh Cochran, Ureeba Durrani and Anthony Jones submitted their Financial Disclosure Statement prior to the 03/05 5 PM deadline. Upon further investigation by the Election Commission it was found that the notification of extension email was sorted into Danny Mai's Junk email folder. After direct contact with the Election Commission, Danny Mai completed his Financial Disclosure Statement.

Sanction: The remaining candidates Jesse Calixte, Malik Tann, Sarah Saied, Kaylee Milani, Fatoumata Fofana, Carmen Restrepo, Averyona Walters have been contacted directly by the Election Commission and have until 5 PM on 03/06/2019 to complete their Financial Disclosure Statements.

Suspected Violator(s): Fatoumata Fofana, Carmen Restrepo, and Averyona Walters

Complaint Filed by: Jessica Siemer

Hearing: March 6, 2019, 5:28 PM

Determination: In Violation

Reason: The candidates did not complete their Financial Disclosure Statements prior to 5 PM on 03/06/2019.

Sanction: The candidates must suspend campaigning for 48-hours. The 48-hour suspension period for Averyona Walters commenced at 9:09 PM on 03/06/2019 and will end at 03/09/2019 9:09 PM.

Complaint 19-06 (03/11/19, 8:00 PM)

Suspected Violator(s): Ashleigh Cochran, Fatoumata Fofana, Carmen Restrepo and Averyona Walters

Suspected Violation: Violation of Article 3 Section 1 i Failure to attend scheduled debate(s).

"Presidential and campus specific candidates must attend the scheduled debate(s) and remain for the entire debate unless they submit proof of an academic or work conflict to the Election Commissioner at least one week prior to their scheduled debate. The only exception to this would be documented severe illness, family trauma, or other extreme circumstances that must be identified in writing within 24 hours of the scheduled debate to the Election Commissioner."

Complaint Filed by: Jessica Siemer

Hearing: March 13, 2019, 3:00 PM

Determination: In Violation

Reason: The candidates failed to attend their scheduled election event completely and did not communicate reasons for their absence to the Election Commission in a timely manner.

Sanction: The candidates are disqualified from the race.

Appeal:

Appealed by: Averyona Walters (received 03/13/2019 at 8:45 PM)

Notification of Student Judicial Board at 03/14/2019 at 7:20 PM

Campaigning is permitted pending result of appeal.

Decision: The Board upheld the Commission's decision (03/19/2019). Decision letter received by the Commission at 9:45 AM on 03/19/2019. The Board upheld the Commission's decision. The candidate is disqualified.

Complaint 19-07 (03/12/19, 9:30 PM)

Suspected Violator(s): Ureeba Durrani, Nashbi Grand-Jean, Charity Jackson, Peter Minetos Nahal Orak, and Malik Tann

Suspected Violation: Violation of Article 3 Section 1 i Failure to attend scheduled debate(s).

"Presidential and campus specific candidates must attend the scheduled debate(s) and remain for the entire debate unless they submit proof of an academic or work conflict to the Election Commissioner at least one week prior to their scheduled debate. The only exception to this would be documented severe illness, family trauma, or other extreme circumstances that must be identified in writing within 24 hours of the scheduled debate to the Election Commissioner."

Complaint Filed by: Jessica Siemer

Hearing: March 13, 2019, 3:00 PM

Determination: In Violation

Reason: The candidates did not attend both scheduled events in their entirety and/or did not submit an approved excuse in a timely manner to Election Commission.

Sanction: The candidates must suspend campaigning for 48 hours. The suspension began on 03/13/2019 at 4:30 PM and will conclude on 3/15/2019 at 4:30 PM.

Appeal:

Appealed by: Nashbi Grand-Jean (received 03/13/2019 at 4:40 PM)

Notification of Student Judicial Board at 03/14/2019 at 7:20 PM

Campaigning is permitted pending result of appeal.

Decision: The Board upheld the Commission's decision (03/19/2019). Decision letter received by the Commission at 9:45 AM on 03/19/2019. The candidate is must suspend campaigning for 48-hours.

Complaint 19-08 (03/19/19, 3:13 PM)

Suspected Violator(s): Ira Livnat

Suspected Violation: Violation of Article 3 Section 4 C & D, Illegal Party

Complaint Filed by: Kalisha-Lourdy Lazare

Hearing: March 20, 2019, 6:00 PM

Determination: In Violation

Reason: On Friday, March 15 around 2 PM, Kalisha-Lourdy Lazare saw a story post on Ira Livnat's Instagram account that promoted Jabari Aiken for a senate position in the College of Arts & Sciences. At that time, the post had been up for 18 hours.

Sanction: The candidate has been found responsible for a Class C Violation and must suspend campaigning for 48-hours.

Complaint 19-09 (03/24/19, 5:54 PM)

Suspected Violator(s): Jesse Calixte, Nia Cole, Ureeba Durrani, Charity Jackson, and Malik Tann

Suspected Violation: Violation of Article 11 Section 2 C, Failure to submit a Financial Disclosure Statement.

Complaint Filed by: Chris Garcia-Velazquez

Hearing: March 24, 2019, 6:45 PM

Determination: In Violation

Reason: The candidates failed to submit financial disclosure forms for Weeks 3 & 4 of campaigning.

Sanction: The candidates have been found responsible for a Class C Violation and must suspend campaigning for 48-hours. Individual candidates were given specific suspension periods per email communication from the Election Commission.

Appeal:

Appealed by: Jesse Calixte (received 03/24/2019 at 7:15 PM)

Campaigning is permitted pending result of appeal.

Decision: The Board upheld the Commission's decision (03/25/2019). Decision letter received by the Commission at 7:25 PM on 03/25/2019. The candidate must suspend campaigning for 48-hours. Campaigning may resume 03/28/2019 at 7:00 AM.

Complaint 19-10 (03/25/19, 12:00 PM)

Suspected Violator(s): Danielle Ellington-Myles, Anthony Jones, Nigel Walton

Suspected Violation: Violation of Article 11 Section 2 C, Failure to submit a Financial Disclosure Statement.

Complaint Filed by: Jessica Siemer

Hearing: March 25, 2019, 12:00 PM

Determination: In Violation

Reason: The candidates failed to submit financial disclosure forms for Week 4 of campaigning. The candidates were given an extension to file their financial disclosure forms. The deadline was 12:00 PM on 3/25/2019. The candidates failed to submit a form by the deadline.

Sanction: The candidates have been found responsible for a Class C Violation and must suspend campaigning for 48-hours. Candidates may resume campaigning on 3/27/2019 at 1:40 PM.

Appeal:

Appealed by: Anthony Jones (received 03/25/2019 at 5:00 PM)

Campaigning is permitted pending result of appeal.

Decision: The Board upheld the Commission's decision (03/27/2019). Decision letter received by the Commission at 9:25 AM on 03/27/2019. The candidate must suspend campaigning until Friday 3/29 at 11:28 AM.

Complaint 19-11 (03/27/19, 1:10 PM)

Suspected Violator(s): Anthony Jones

Suspected Violation: Violation of Article 4 Section 2 D, Campaigning within 50 feet of Atlanta campus residence halls.

Complaint Filed by: Nigel Walton

Hearing: 03/29/2019 3:00 PM

Determination: No finding

Reason: Nigel Walton reported that he and another student were approached by members of Presidential candidate Anthony Jones's campaign team within 50 feet of the entrance to the Patton Dining Hall. Candidates may not campaign within 50 feet of University Housing including attached dining facilities. No other witness statements were collected. The Commission has no finding based on a lack of evidence

Complaint 19-12 (03/27/19, 7:51 PM)

Suspected Violator(s): Anthony Jones

Suspected Violation: Campaigning while Suspended

Complaint Filed by: Jazmin Mejia

Hearing: 03/29/2019 3:00 PM

Determination: In Violation

Reason: A number of students attending the Young Democrats meeting on 3/27/2019, witnessed Anthony Jones publicly speaking about his campaign. Students in audience were asked questions relating to qualities they would want in a student leader. Jones solicited votes for himself at the end of this speech. Jones's campaign was suspended from 3/27 at 11 AM until 3/29 at 11 AM.

Sanction: The candidate has been found responsible of a Class B Violation. Campaigning is suspended for 72-hours. Campaign suspension will begin the first hour of the new campaign period.

Complaint 19-13 (03/28/19, 6:18 PM)

Suspected Violator(s): Jesse Calixte

Suspected Violation: Campaigning while Suspended

Complaint Filed by: Hamza Rahman

Hearing: 03/29/2019 3:00 PM

Determination: In Violation

Reason: Jesse Calixte posted on his Instagram story soliciting students for votes between the hours of 8 PM and 10 PM on Wednesday March 27. Calixte was suspended from 7 AM on 3/26 until 7 AM on 3/28.

Sanction: The candidate has been found responsible of a Class B Violation. Campaigning is suspended for 72-hours. Campaign suspension will begin the first hour of the new campaign period.

Appeal:

Appealed by: Jesse Calixte (received 03/29/2019 at 7:57 PM)

The candidate has elected to start the suspension period beginning on 04/01/2019 at 5:00 PM pending the appeal decision by Student Judicial Board.

Decision: The Board upheld the Commission's decision (04/02/2019). Decision letter received by the Commission at 4:31 PM on 04/02/2019. The candidate must suspend campaigning until 04/04/2019 at 5:00 PM.

Complaint 19-14 (03/29/19, 12:09 PM)

Suspected Violator(s): Jesse Calixte, Shay'na Fields, Nigel Walton

Suspected Violation: Violation of Article 4 Section 2 E, Campaign materials on the 4th Floor of SCW

Complaint Filed by: Gregory Wright

Hearing: 3/29/2019 3:00 PM

Determination: Not Responsible

Reason: Gregory Wright observed flyers on the 4th floor of Student Center West on 03/05/2019. Student Center staff are responsible for putting up flyers in the Student Center and had not been notified early on to refrain from posting campaign flyers on the 4th floor of SCW. The candidates are not responsible for the violation.

Complaint 19-15 (03/29/19, 12:09) PM

Suspected Violator(s): Hamza Rahman

Suspected Violation: Violation of Article 3 Section 4 C & D, Illegal Party

Complaint Filed by: Gregory Wright

Hearing: 3/29/2019 3:00 PM

Determination: Not Responsible

Reason: On 03/27/2019 Hamza Rahman tabled in Library Plaza. His table was located next to Presidential Candidate Jazmin Mejia's table. Rahman interacted with voters at Mejia's table and solicited votes from them. Rahman and Mejia did not organize campaigning together and there was adequate separation between the candidates to not give students the impression of a party ticket. The candidate is not responsible.

Complaint 19-16 (03/29/19, 3:19 PM)

Suspected Violator(s): Shay'na Fields

Suspected Violation: Violation of Article 4, Illegal Campaign Materials

Complaint Filed by: Jennifer Lopez

Hearing: 3/29/2019 3:00 PM

Determination: Not Responsible

Reason: On 03/28/2019 at 3:31 PM the Election Commission observed that Presidential Candidate Shay'na Fields was using a pre-approved flyer that had been modified to contain official Georgia State University logos. Candidates are not permitted to use official logos in their campaign materials. Vice Chair of Marketing, Kalisha Lazare reached out to Fields and requested that she remove the flyers from Instagram. Fields complied, removing the posts from her feed; however Fields neglected to remove a post from her Instagram story. At 8:54 PM, Jennifer Lopez reported seeing the post on Field's story. Vice Chair of Logistics, Chris Garcia observed that the post was gone prior to 3 PM. As the candidate made an effort to remove the posts once notified, we find the candidate not responsible.

Complaint 19-17 (03/29/19, 4:15 PM)

Suspected Violator(s): Anthony Jones

Suspected Violation: Violation of Article 5 A, Failure to Register an Endorsement

Complaint Filed by: Jessica Siemer

Hearing: 3/29/2019 4:30 PM

Determination: In Violation

Reason: On 3/27/2019 the Election Commission became aware that Presidential Candidate Anthony Jones was being endorsed on GroupMe and social media by Young Democrats at Georgia State and College Republicans at Georgia State. The Commission had not received Endorsement forms declaring Anthony Jones as an endorsed candidate by either group. At 9:32 PM on 3/27/2019, Vice Chair of Marketing Kalisha Lazare notified Jones of the missing forms. The Chief Election Commissioner, Jessica Siemer, reached out to Peter Minetos, Chairman of College Republicans, and notified Minetos of the missing form. The endorsement form was received for College Republicans at 9:53 PM on 3/27/2019. As of 4:30 PM on 3/29/2019, an endorsement form has not been received for Young Democrats at Georgia State for Anthony Jones.

Sanction: The candidate is suspended from campaigning for 48-hours. Campaign suspension will begin the first hour of the new campaign period. If a candidate is facing multiple suspensions, they may be served concurrently.

Complaint 19-18 (04/01/19, 6:47 PM)

Suspected Violator(s): Jesse Calixte

Suspected Violation: Pre-campaigning

Complaint Filed by: Hamza Rahman

Hearing: 04/02/2019 6:00 PM

Determination: Not Responsible

Reason: Hamza Rahman observed an Instagram post stating that Jesse Calixte would be appearing in a livestream for Binge Watchers United, a student organization at Georgia State University, at 4 PM on Monday 04/01/19. The campaigning period for the runoff period began at 5 PM on 04/01/19. Jesse Calixte was in the SGA office meeting with the Chief Election Commissioner and the Vice Chair of Logistics from 4:03 until about 4:13 PM. There is no evidence that the livestream post occurred. Given this, the Election Commission finds the candidate not responsible for the allegation.

Complaint 19-19 (04/03/19, 1:08 PM)

Suspected Violator(s): Anthony Jones

Suspected Violation: Violation of Campaign Ethics

Complaint Filed by: Shaquille Johnson

Hearing: 04/03/2019 3:30 PM

Determination: In violation

Reason: The Election Commission received a complaint with multiple communication threads as supporting documentation. After conducting a number of interviews, the Commission has determined that there was a violation of Article 6 B., *“Candidates are expected to conduct themselves in an ethically appropriate manner in accordance with SGA documents and the Student Code of Conduct”*.

Sanction: The candidate has been found responsible for a Class A violation and shall be disqualified. The case has been referred to the Office of the Dean of Students.

Appeal:

Appealed by: Anthony Jones (received 04/03/2019 at 11:20 PM)

The candidate may resume campaigning at the completion of all previous sanctions (Thursday 04/04/2019 at 5 PM) pending the decision of Student Judicial Board. The runoff election shall occur April 4 from 12:01 a.m. to Midnight as planned, with the ballot names stated as originally stated.

Decision: The Board upheld the Commission’s decision (04/07/2019). Decision letter received by the Commission at 4:23 PM on 04/07/2019. The candidate is disqualified from the election.

Complaint 19-20 (04/04/19, 4:59 PM)

Suspected Violator(s): Anthony Jones

Suspected Violation: Campaigning while Suspended

Complaint Filed by: Kenneth Lockett

Hearing: 04/04/2019 9:00 AM

Determination: In violation

Reason: On the night of 04/03/2019 from approximately 10:30 PM until 11:20 PM, a number of members of the “GSU Class of 2022” GroupMe observed Anthony Jones posting about his campaign. The candidate was suspended from 04/01/2019 at 5 PM until 04/04/2019 at 5 PM.

Sanction: The candidate has been found responsible for a Class B violation. Per the candidate’s accumulation of violations, the candidate is disqualified from the election.

Appeal:

Appealed by: Anthony Jones (received 04/04/2019 at 9:54 AM)

The candidate may resume campaigning at the completion of all previous sanctions (Thursday 04/04/2019 at 5 PM) pending the decision of Student Judicial Board. The runoff election shall occur April 4 from 12:01 a.m. to Midnight as planned, with the ballot names stated as originally stated.

Decision: The Board upheld the Commission’s decision (04/07/2019). Decision letter received by the Commission at 4:23 PM on 04/07/2019. The candidate is disqualified from the election.

Complaint 19-21 (04/04/19, 4:55 PM)

Suspected Violator(s): Hamza Rahman

Suspected Violation: Violation of Article 4 Section 2 B, Negative campaigning

Complaint Filed by: Jesse Calixte

Determination: In violation

Hearing: 4/07/2019 12:00 PM

Sanction: The candidate has been found responsible for a Class B violation. As the campaigning period is over there is no suspension.

Reason: A number of witnesses observed Rahman speaking negatively about Calixte.

Complaint 19-22 (04/04/19, 8:28 PM)

Suspected Violator(s): Jesse Calixte

Suspected Violation: Campaigning while Suspended

Complaint Filed by: Tammy Lu

Complaint Withdrawn by Tammy Lu 04/04/19 10:00 PM