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EGC DECISION

Jan 29, 2023

After conducting a diligent and thorough review, the Elections Governance Committee (EGC) has concluded that Emily Nafziger has violated Section 2.4.1 of the Elections Governance Committee Violations Policy. This violation occurred when Emily messaged an Off-Campus Nursing group chat announcing her candidacy for the Nursing USC Councillor position. Consequently, the EGC has sanctioned Emily Nafziger with a warning. The full report is attached.

For further inquiries, please contact EGC Manager of Investigations, Daivik Shelat, at dro@westernusc.ca.

Candidate(s) under review: Emily Nafziger

Deliberations: Jan 29, 2023

Present: CRO, DRO, [REDACTED]

1. Allegation(s)
 - a. Emily Nafziger was alleged to have violated Section 2.4.1 of the Elections Governance Committee Violations Policy. This violation is alleged to have occurred when the Candidate sent a message within the Off-Campus Nursing group chat. This message is included as Exhibit A.
2. Violation Under By-Law #2/EGC Violations Policy
 - a. **Section 2.4.1 (EGC Violations Policy)**

2.4.1 “Candidates and campaign volunteers are not entitled to use in their campaign any service, tangible benefits, or resources conferred on them by virtue of holding any position in any organization. This includes but is not limited to: mailing lists, office space, office supplies, equipment, advertising space, social media platform and secretarial services.”
3. Investigative Action Taken by the EGC
 - a. Committee members examined the evidence in question to determine the validity of the allegation.
 - b. Nafziger was requested to attend a hearing on January 29, 2023, at 1:00 pm to present her side of the case. She attended and presented her case.
 - c. Nafziger stated that she did attend the All-Candidates Meeting but did not fully understand what made the action a violation. She mentioned that was sending mass messages to different group chats and, in so doing, accidentally sent the message into the Off-Campus Nursing group chat as well.
 - d. The Committee asked Nafziger if this was a group chat she was added to specifically because of her role as a soph, or one that any student could join. Nafziger explained that at first, she was added to the chat in her capacity as a soph, but now any student could join the chat, provided they knew a student who was already in the chat who was willing to add them.
4. The EGC’s Findings
 - a. The EGC determined that Nafziger’s use of the Off-Campus Nursing group chat, which she was added to in her capacity as a Health Sciences Soph, would constitute a violation of section 2.4.1.
5. Decision
 - a. In committee quorum, the EGC agreed that Emily Nafziger was in violation of section 2.4.1 of the EGC Violations Policy, which is a non-disqualifiable offence.

b. As such, the EGC has issued Nafziger a warning.

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Exhibit A: A screenshot of the message sent in the Off-Campus Nursing group chat.



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Some parts of the message have been redacted to protect privacy.

1 UNREAD MESSAGE

Today

~ Emily Nafziger +1 (519) 274-5290

HEY OC I'm running to be next years USC Nursing Councillor. I will be running to advocate for you guys!!! So please show your support and follow along with my Instagram @emily4usc and vote starting FEBRUARY 7th!!!!

3:17 PM

