

## **Ruling #1**

March 2019 Executive Committee and BOG Representative General Election  
Pre-Campaigning - Andre Bourgeois, Candidate for President

### **Parties to the Ruling**

- Andre Bourgeois, Candidate for President
- Regan Brodziak, Complainant
- Ilyas Gora, Chief Returning Officer

### **Applicable Bylaws, Rules, Regulations**

1. Bylaw 2200 §21 (Prohibition on Pre-campaigning)
  - *"No side manager, volunteer, or candidate shall engage in campaign activities between the nomination deadline or Students' Council initiation of a plebiscite/referenda and the commencement of the campaign"*
2. Regulations and Guidelines §E2.1 (Pre-Campaigning)
  - *"Candidates and volunteers may not engage in any campaign activities between the close of nominations and the beginning of the campaign period – Between Thursday, February 14 @ 16:00 and Monday, February 25 @ 09:00"*

### **Facts**

1. The Complainant, Regan Brodziak, filed a complaint at 12:35 on February 25, 2019
2. Andre Bourgeois, Candidate for President, is alleged to have published a campaign post at 08:48 on Facebook prior to the commencement of the campaign period at 09:00 on February 25, 2019
3. The Complainant provided photographic evidence corroborating the allegation
4. Ilyas Gora, Chief Returning Officer, investigated the matter noting a reach of 912 (224 organic, 740 paid) on the post

### **Ruling**

- Andre Bourgeois, Candidate for President, did contravene Bylaw 2200 §21 and Regulations and Guidelines §E2.1

### **Penalty**

1. Andre Bourgeois, Candidate for President, will be assessed a fine of \$22.40 under the Schedule of Fines & Penalties

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Decided: February 27, 2019 at 02:30

Time Limit for appeal: February 28, 2019 at 02:30

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