

Ruling #1

March 2020 Executive Committee and BOG Representative General Election
Pre-Campaigning – Rowan Ley, Candidate for Vice President External

Parties to the Ruling

- Rowan Ley, Candidate for Vice President External
- Eric Einarson, Complainant
- Muneeb Ahsan, 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”

Facts

1. The Complainant, Eric Einarson, filed a complaint at 17:21 on February 22, 2020.
2. Rowan Ley, Candidate for Vice President External, is alleged to have published a campaign post around 17:00 on Facebook and Instagram prior to the commencement of the campaign period at 09:00 on February 24, 2020.
3. The Complainant provided evidence corroborating the allegation.
4. Muneeb Ahsan, Chief Returning Officer, investigated the matter noting a potential reach of 1185 (150 estimated) on the social media posts.

Ruling

- Rowan Ley, Candidate for Vice President External , did contravene Bylaw 2200 §21.

Penalty

1. Rowan Ley, Candidate for Vice President External , will be assessed a fine of \$15.00 under the Schedule of Fines & Penalties.

Decided: February 23, 2020 at 14:30

Time Limit for appeal: February 24, 2020 at 14:30

Please direct any inquiries to:

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