



ELECTION: Spring 2024 USGA General Election

HEARING DATE: Week of March 4th

COMPLAINANT: [REDACTED]

ALLEGED: Eshan Pokhrel, Presidential Candidate

ELECTION CODE VIOLATION(S): Section 606 Code of Laws

1. **606.10:** “No candidate may make malicious or false statements, written or verbal, about another candidate. A candidate may not intentionally interfere with the campaign of another candidate in any way...”
2. **606.11:** “VOTER FRAUD: Any candidate who commits voter fraud will be subject to sanctions, including disqualification, determined by the Election Commission. Voter fraud is defined as offering or paying money, promising gifts in exchange for votes, causing otherwise eligible voters from voting, electronic voting fraud, or making false statements to election officials.”
3. **606.1:** “Arranging talks to student organizations that will occur at their meetings during the campaign period; however, no open distribution of campaign literature shall be allowed.”

ELECTIONS BOARD DECISION: By a vote of 4-0, the Elections Commission finds the Pokhrel Campaign in violation of Elections Code 606.10, 606.11, and 606.1.

COMPLAINT RECIEVED: February 14<sup>th</sup> the Election Commission received a complaint regarding a presidential candidate Eshan Pokhrel. The Election Commission met on February 14<sup>th</sup> verbally before speaking with Administration the following week and officially met on February 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss the complaint and review code of laws. Those in attendance included Neha Moolchandani, Eliza Maddox, Marris Jones, and Shrey Pradeep. After review, the Commission found the candidate in violation of 606.1, 606.10, and 606.11. On 9:26am February 29<sup>th</sup>, the Election Commission notified the candidate via email of the rendered decision.

PENALTY:

The Pokhrel Campaign is subject to disqualification for a major violation.