

1 Elections Commission
University of Kansas Student Senate Courts
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3 UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS STUDENT SENATE COURTS

4 ELECTIONS VIOLATIONS

5 RESPONDENT, OneKu

Case No.: 1

6 v

7 COMPLAINANT, Ad Astra

8 ONEKU POSTERING

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10 **Introduction**

11 On April 8th Andrew Murga filed a complaint with the Election Commission alleging OneKU violated the Office of
12 Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor [Policy on Posting of Materials and Sidewalk Chalking](#). The complaint was
13 properly formed containing the party alleging the violation; the party accused of the violation; the part of the
14 Constitution, or the piece of legislation, allegedly violated; and a description of the alleged violation and all relevant
15 evidence, documents, and testimony, witness or otherwise to be presented as evidence (Title Four, Article V § 2.2).

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17 **Deliberation**

18 A Student Senate Court may dismiss a properly filed complaint by a two-thirds vote if the complaint fails to demonstrate
19 a reasonable suspicion of a violation or if the issue raised by the complaint is outside of the jurisdiction of the Court
20 (Title Four, Article V § 2.4).

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22 The Student Elections Commission has original jurisdiction over cases involving Title Six (The Elections Code) and
23 Title Eight (Ballot Referendums) of the Student Senate Constitution and all election violations that are filed during the
24 course of Student Senate Elections (Title Four, Article IV § 1).

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26 The Elections Code further restricts what actions may be subject to sanctions – only actions in violation of the
27 Elections Code (Title Six, Article VII § 7). The Elections Code sets its own standards for the posting of materials and
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1 chalking but does not reincorporate the university policy (Title Six, Article VII). OneKU was not accused of violating
2 these standards.

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4 Title Six, Article VII § 7 gives students an individual right of action to report and seek remediation of Election Code
5 violations with the Elections Commission. The University Policy does not contain such a right. The consequences
6 cited by the policy are enforced at the sole discretion of the Office of Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor,
7 including the removal of unauthorized material .

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9 The only individual right of action extended by this policy is the right to remove unauthorized materials placed on
10 bulletin boards (not from other places).

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12 **Decision**

13 The complaint is dismissed for a lack of jurisdiction by a two thirds majority of the Elections Commission.

14 The complainant may appeal this decision to the University Judicial Board within 30 days.

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16 Dated this 8th of April 2025.

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19 Sasha Sharman
20 Elections Commission Chair