

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, Evanna Dominic

Case No.: 2

6 v

7 COMPLAINANT, OneKU

EVANNA DOMINIC - CHALK

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10 **Introduction of the Facts**

11 On April 9th Hamp Henning filed a complaint with the Election Commission alleging a member of the Ad Astra
12 coalition violated Title Six, Article VII § 5 of the Student Senate Constitution.

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14 All election campaign chalking must be located on a horizontal surface exposed to the weather.
15 Chalking must be done with water-soluble sidewalk chalk. Candidates must not alter the chalking of
16 other candidates. (Title Six, Article VII § 5)

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18 Two sets of messages were chalked side by side in front of Strong Hall. OneKU chalked "VOTE FOR ONEKU!".
19 Next to it the respondent chalked "VOTE FOR AD ASTRA". The extent of the alteration was the final "A" in Ad
20 Astra extending over the first "O" in OneKU.

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22 A hearing was scheduled and held on April 12th at 10am after confirming the availability of the complainant and
23 respondent. The complainant did not attend the hearing. At the hearing the respondent stipulated that she is a member
24 of the Ad Astra Coalition, she withdrew from the election on March 28th, was not a candidate in the Student Senate
25 Election when the alleged violation occurred, and in one instance she altered the chalking of a OneKU candidate.

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27 The respondent testified that she chalked in favor of Ad Astra as an independent member without any coordination
28 between the members of the Ad Astra presidential ticket or any other candidates for Student Senate.

1 **Deliberation**

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

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6 Title Six outlines the consequences for a candidate found to have violated the Elections code.

7 2. Any candidate found responsible for violating the Election Code for a total of three times
8 during the course of an election should be disqualified unless, in the discretion of the Student
9 Elections Commission, another disciplinary action is deemed more reasonable.

10 3. Any disqualified candidate's name must not appear on the official election ballot.

11 4. Any disqualified candidate cannot serve as a member of the Student Senate, the Student
12 Executive Council, the Constitutional Court, or the Student Elections Commission for the
13 following two (2) academic years. (Title Six, Article VII § 7)

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15 Because this is a first alleged offense, the decision in this case will not affect the certification of the election results.

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17 Both the provision on altering chalk and the remedies for a violation apply only to candidates. They do not apply to
18 students not seeking election. The respondent was not a candidate for the Student Senate at the time of the election.

19 There was no evidence that the respondent communicated or collaborated with a candidate in this process.

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21 "Candidate" refers to any individual who has satisfied all of the requirements to run for office in an
22 Election, and has filed a declaration of candidacy with the Student Elections Commission, or has been
23 deemed eligible to run for office by the Student Elections Commission. (Title One, Article IX § 1.8)

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25 By withdrawing her declaration of candidacy, the respondent ceased to satisfy the requirements to run for office and
26 ceased to be a candidate.

1 **Decision**

2 The Elections Commission finds in favor of the respondent and determines that no Election Code violation occurred.

3 This reflects the unanimous opinion of the four Election Commissioners that adjudicated the case (constituting a
4 majority of the court).

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

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Dated this 13th of April 2025.

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Sasha Sharman
Elections Commission Chair

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