

## Complaint #26-03

**Petitioner(s):** Juan Gonzalez Diaz

**Respondent(s):** Joshua Sambrano and Lundan Sherrod

**The following allegations were filed Feb 13, 2026, 1:48 PM:**

**Article 4, Section 2, Clause 2:** No campaign may be on or use personal or intellectual property without the consent of the owner.

**Article 4, Section 3, Clause 4:** Candidates that are found to have presented a false claim of endorsement by any individual, organization, or business are subject to penalties following a formal complaint.

**Article 4, Section 4, Clause 3:** All candidates must campaign and promote the SGA Elections in a positive manner while creating awareness in the candidate's platform. Negative campaigning or "mudslinging" is not appropriate through any media (including, but not limited to: posters, stickers, email, social media, etc.). Issues may be discussed candidly, but personal attacks on candidates are not tolerated. Candidates should be mindful of their potential liability in making statements that may not be able to be fully supported with factual evidence; the statements could be considered slander.

**Decision [02/17/26]:** Petitioner's complaint HAS MERIT and this IS a violation of the Election Code. However, this constitutes double jeopardy as the respondents have already been sanctioned for this specific action; please refer to the decision in Complaint #26-02.

**Conclusion:** The campaign titled "GetBack SFAC" utilized the name and likeness of the Student Fees Advisory Committee (SFAC) without authorization. As confirmed by a current SFAC Student Representative, the committee did not grant consent for its branding to be used in campaign materials. On February 9th, the respondents used a collaborative Instagram post with an account using the name of the official university committee, which could mislead students into believing the committee endorsed the campaign. This unauthorized use of intellectual property and the resulting false impression of endorsement compromises the integrity of the election.

**Sanction:** Formal Written Warning. Per the 2026 Election Code, a first-time minor procedural violation results in a written warning recorded by the Election Commission.

**Appeals:** n/a

Zainab Khimji  
Election Commissioner

