To: Appellant Jack Samuel LaMorte  
Date: April 9, 2023  
From: Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs  
RE: Decision on Appeal from EC 06.02 Opinion dated March 31, 2023  
Judiciary of the Illinois Student Government, Sixth Assembly

I have reviewed your Letter of Appeal dated March 31, 2023, regarding the March 30, 2023 opinion of the Judiciary of the Illinois Student Government Sixth Assembly (EC 06.02). In that opinion, the Judiciary determined the following violations: Section 7.13 of the Election Code (active campaigning in a classroom while class is in session) and Section 7.02 of the Election Code (intent to influence a voter or student election).

The grounds for any appeal of an election decision by the Judiciary are:

- Procedural error that resulted in material harm or prejudice to the petitioner(s) or respondent(s) (i.e. by preventing a fair, impartial, or proper hearing/deliberation);
- Discovery of substantial new evidence that was unavailable at the time of the decision and which reasonably could have affected the decision of the Illinois Student Government Judiciary; or
- Sanctions imposed is grossly disproportionate to the violation(s) committed, considering the relevant aggravating and/or mitigating factors.

Your appeal letter sets forth multiple allegations related to procedural errors, which I found to prejudice the respondent. 1) The CSEC confirmed the petitioner did try to withdraw their complaint, but the Judiciary still moved forward to hear the case; and 2) the Judiciary accidentally sent a draft opinion of Decision 06.02.

As set forth above, sanctions which are grossly disproportionate to the violation(s) committed can serve as grounds to overturn a decision. Fines for purported violations of the Election Code are grossly disproportionate to the violation as such a sanction effectively does not fit the violation. Thus, I am overturning the entirety of the ruling and remedy of fines as described in EC 06.02.

This decision is final.

Best,

Dr. Danita M. Brown Young