

2024 GSA General Election

CRO Decision in the Matter of Benjamin Kucher and Ajibola Adigun
Tuesday, February 27th, 2024

A formal complaint was filed by Benjamin Kucher, a candidate for the position of Vice-President Student Life in the GSA General Election (hereafter “the Complainant”), against Ajibola Adigun, a candidate for the position of Vice-President Student Life (hereafter “the Respondent”), on Tuesday, February 27th, 2024.

Complaint: The Complainant claims that the Respondent uploaded several Instagram posts and a Reddit post where they stated "University of Alberta GSA Vice-President Student Life" next to their name (CRO edit: the posts actually state “VP Student Life for GSA”). They also note that the Respondent uploaded pictures of the voting email and ballot, which are confidential to only those who are eligible to vote.

Response: The Respondent immediately rectified the situation and removed the posts.

Relevant Bylaw and Policy:

I.POL.6.1 “The fundamental principle underlying GSA elections is that they are to be fair, respect the wishes of voters, and conducted in a manner that reflects the excellent, positive reputation of the GSA” (GSA Bylaw and Policy, Section I.BYL.1.1).

Consultation with the Elections and Referenda Committee (ERC): The CRO dismissed the complaint and therefore did not consult ERC regarding this matter.

Decision: The complaint is dismissed as the candidate immediately rectified the situation.

Appeals: As per GSA Bylaw and Policy, “decisions of the CRO are subject to appeal to the GSA Appeals and Complaints Board (GSA ACB)” (Section I.POL.11.6) and “candidate(s) or referendum campaign member(s) have twenty-four (24) hours from the time the CRO’s decision is deemed delivered to submit an Appeal (Section H.POL.15.2.b). “Deemed Delivered” is defined such that an email is deemed to have been delivered twenty-four (24) hours from the time it was sent (GSA Bylaw and Policy, Section H: Definitions).