

Texas State University

Student Government Election Board

BOARD ORDER

TO: Clegg-Duncan Executive Alliance
Boyd-Shelvin Executive Alliance

RE: Election Code Violation (04-251-300/February 2017)

DATE: 02-09-2017

A hearing before the Election Board of the Student Government on February 9th, 2017 was held concerning the matter of (3) three separate complaints of violations of the election rules and regulations by the Clegg-Duncan Executive Alliance and associated parties, hereafter known as ‘the accused’. The accused were charged with:

1. Unauthorized campaigning on Facebook. (Campaign Material, Slogan)
2. Unauthorized campaigning on Facebook. (Campaign Material, Slogan)
3. Unauthorized campaigning on Instagram. (Comment made by the accused on personal Instagram account)

Based on the testimony and evidence submitted by the accused, the violation reports, testimony, and evidence provided by the plaintiffs, the Board finds and concludes:

1. That the accused party is not in violation of the Election Code for the first (2) two charges because the post was put on an “unpublished” and “private” Facebook page that only contained the creators of the page as members. When the page launched on the 24th of January, all posts that were made to the private account were made public and still contain the date of original publishing. Therefore, leading to the conclusion made by the plaintiffs that the Clegg-Duncan Executive Alliance had been campaigning before the designated campaign period as written in the Election Code.
2. That the accused party is in violation of the Election Code for the 3rd charge because there is a chance that someone could have possibly thought that the accused had intended to publically thank a third party for an endorsement as

a candidate for Student Body Government President of Texas State University.

Based on the findings above:

1. That the accused suspend their campaign from now until 48 hours after this order is received.
2. That the accused shall be fined \$1,000.00. This sum shall not be paid to any organization or entity but shall instead be counted as an expense by the campaign on their financial records.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Thank you,
Adrian Cooper
Election Board Chairman