

**THE ELECTION BOARD OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT,
TEXAS STATE UNIVERISTY**

NO. EB-2/1.2017

Bodie Fry, Complainants

v.

Election Board, Respondents

**ORIGINAL ACTION FROM THE ELECTION BOARD-
HEARING ON January 27, 2017**

BACKGROUND

The Election Board received a claim that a procedural error had occurred on the website. The specific complaint is as follows;

That on December 13th candidate Bodie Fry received invalid information from the Student Government filing form, on the Student Government website, for the dates of the Rules Reading Seminar. The dates listed were January 29th and February 1st. The actual dates for the Rules Reading Seminar were January 20th and 23rd. Filing started on December 12th, so the candidate had received invalid information during the time of the filing period, and this had caused him to

miss the Rules Reading Seminar, and therefore made him ineligible to run for Student Government office.

Discussion

The complaint brought to the board was that there was invalid information on the student government webpage which misled Fry in regards to when the rules reading seminars would take place.

According to the S.G.C. III §103.1(3) the only circumstances that constitute a make up the Rules Reading Seminar are an illness that can be certified by a health care professional, a death in the family, or school related travel that can be certified by a Texas State official. Fry argued that the website was misleading however and thought he was in compliance with the rules.

Consequence

Because the website was misleading in regards to the time of date of the rules readings seminars, candidates who missed the original two will be granted a “make-up rules reading seminar” which will take place Monday January 30, 2017 in LBJ Student Center room 4-1.9 at 6:00pm.

Conclusion

Fry’s complaint brought about the concern for more possible misleading information that could have the effect of making it harder for people to properly file and follow the steps necessary to campaign for President, Vice President, and Senator seats. The student government website has since been updated and corrected.

It is so ordered

Adrian Cooper, Election Board Chair

Before The Election Board
Heard-January 27, 2017 Decided- January 27, 2017