

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION FALL
2022 GENERAL ELECTION REPORT**

Layni Thompson, SGA Election Commissioner

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Randi Wright, Abby Halsey-Kraus (ex officio)

Pursuant to SGACA Tit. VI Ch. 5 § (1)(h), the following report details the results of the Fall 2022 SGA General Elections. Voting for these elections occurred on November 1st and 2nd, 2022.

The Election Commission received a total of four complaints:

- 2 was heard as a formal petition. The decision of this petition is included in this report.
- 2 were received as unofficial notifications. Summaries of the issues raised are included in this report.

Projected winners of each race are bolded and indicated by an *

SGA President & SGA Vice-President

2 tickets

*Christopher Firch & Emelie Shultz	1578	51.75%
Carson Poupore & Beth Felkner	1471	48.24%

Undergraduate Student Congress Representative:

Business District: 2 candidates, 4 open seats

Minimum number of votes needed: 94 (Spring 2022)

*Caden Glasscock	317
*Jordan Brown	271

Communication District:

4 candidates, 3 open seats

*Madeline Cantrell	207
*Isabel York	200
*Clayton Chiariello	160
Hudson Haskins	132

Engineering District:

1 candidate, 4 open seats

Minimum number of votes needed: 17 (Spring 2022)

***Nhi Nguyen 136**

Finance and Accounting District:

2 candidates, 4 open seats

Minimum number of votes needed: 53 (Spring 2022)

***Tucker Dunn 177**

***Demetri Papahronis 154**

Humanities District:

1 candidate, 4 open seats

Minimum number of votes needed: 10 (Spring 2022)

***Ezra Koenig 74**

Life Sciences District:

4 candidates, 3 open seats

***Lizbeth Islas 175**

***Lane McCoy 150**

***Tailyn Harris 139**

Brandon Chenevey 127

Social Sciences District:

8 candidates, 2 open seats

***Annie Mullins 97**

***Isabella Daly 86**

Haley Molina 78

Jasmine Mhamdi	73
Nick Divirgilio	70
Michael Stoyak	70
Katherine Shadman	48
Pierson Balsters	20

University College District:

19 candidates, 7 open seats

*Carter Craig	350
*Jake Whitley	283
*Anna Hyslop	240
*Hope Rhoads	237
*Elizabeth Duncan	227
*Carter Strickland	208
*Daniel Ferguson	203
Elijah Conom	197
Ryan Johnson	193
Parker Means	189
Zander Takac	177
Syed Aslam	160
Preston Salameh	146
Caleb Robinson	124
Ben Keupen	118
Anthony Diulio	115
Steven Lee	110
Brandon Robertiello	87
Phillip Sharpley	76

Rulings on Infractions

FA22-001 *Petition Filed by Candidate Phillip Sharpley*

FA22-002 *An Unofficial Notification Filed by Kathryn Chronister*

FA22-003 *Petition Filed by Nathanael Reese*

FA22-004 *Petition Filed by Election Commissioner Regarding Campaign Finance Reports*

Total Points Assigned

Carter Craig received 0.5 points total.

Reported Irregularities

FA22-002 was filed by petitioner, Kathryn Chronister, concerning the encouragement and persuasion of voting a certain way on the first election day, November 1, 2022. The petitioner provided information of the use of a campaign material, a campaign flyer, that included a picture of candidates along with a QR code leading directly to the ENGAGE voting page online. While this would seem to suggest that the use of the flyer would encourage or persuade individuals to vote a certain way, the flyer did not include suggestive language or statements encouraging the vote of a particular ticket over another. Therefore, the evidence does not suggest any wrongdoing on part of the candidates in question.

Decisions of the SGA Election Commission

The decisions of the Election Commission for the Fall 2022 SGA General Elections are attached at the beginning of the next page.

SGA Election Commission

Phillip Sharpley v. Carter Craig

FA22-001 Decided October 31, 2022

Holding

5-0 in favor of FA22-001

Facts of the Petition

FA22-001 was submitted to the Student Government Association Election Commission on Thursday, October 27, 2022, by Phillip Sharpley via the “Election Formal Petition Form Fall 2022.” This form was established in accordance with the SGA Code Annotated to provide SGA members with an electronic form for reporting potential campaign infractions. Upon receiving the petition, the Election Commissioner determined that candidate Carter Craig was implicated in the complaint and informed the candidate of the petition that had been filed. After holding a meeting for review of **FA2022-001**, the Election Commission determined that the candidate, Carter Craig, committed a Class C infraction by including the use of “OU” on a campaign flyer being used by said candidate. As evidence, the petitioner provided a picture of the flyer in use and alleged the flyer was being used across dorm halls. The Election Commission determined the candidate should be assigned 0.5 points due to this infraction.

Discussion

When determining the Class C infraction, the Election Commission considered the list of logos and trademarks of the University of Oklahoma. Common use of “OU” is permitted, but as listed in *SGACA* Tit. VI Ch. 4 § 5(c)(iv), the Election Commission reasoned that candidates who read this provision likely understand that the use of “OU” in general is not permitted.

Future Considerations

The consideration of the flyer not being registered as a campaign material through the Election Commissioner was discussed as a factor for a potential future amendment to the *SGACA*.

It is so ordered.

SGA Election Commission

Nathanael Reese v. Poupore-Felkner

FA22-003 Decided November 3, 2022

Holding

4-1 in favor of Poupore-Felkner

Facts of the Petition

FA22-003 was submitted to the Student Government Association Election Commission on November 3, 2022, by Nathanael Reese via the “Election Formal Petition Form Fall 2022.” This form was established in accordance with the SGA Code Annotated to provide SGA members with an electronic form for reporting potential campaign infractions. Upon receiving the petition, the Election Commissioner determined that candidates Carson Poupore and Beth Felkner, as one ticket, were implicated in the complaint and informed the candidate of the petition that had been filed. The conduct in question was submitted as a petition under the belief that it fell under *SGACA* Tit. VI, Ch. 4 § 5(a)(iii), as a “Class A Infraction.” The evidence discussed an incident on November 2, the first voting day. The petitioner alleged that he and a group of friends approached the Poupore-Felkner campaign table, and that the two discussed their campaign plans, but did not mention the other candidates running for SGA President and SGA Vice-President or their campaign. After notifying the accused, the Election Commission met to discuss the matter. It was determined that the Poupore-Felkner campaign had not participated in any such conduct to warrant an infraction.

Discussion

The Election Commission reasoned that no one was actively voting at the table, as it is believed to be necessary under *SGACA* Tit. VI, Ch. 4 § 5(a)(iii). Based on the provided evidence, there was no implication of an encouragement to vote a certain way.

It is so ordered.

SGA Election Commission

A Petition by the Election Commissioner Regarding Initial Campaign Finance Reports

FA22-004 Decided November 6, 2022

Nabihah Shah was not present at this meeting, as she did not have a vote.

Holding

Points are assigned as follows:

4-0 for 1.0 point assigned to the following candidates: Demetri Papahronis

4-0 for 1.5 point assigned to the following candidates: Jordan Brown, Madeline Cantrell, Clayton Chiariello, Isabel York, Ezra Keonig, Brandon Chenevey, Tailyn Harris, Lizbeth Islas, Pierson Balsters, Isabella Daly, Nick Divirgilio, Michael Stoyak, Elijah Conom, Carter Craig, Anthony Diulio, Steven Lee, Parker Means, Brandon Robertiello, Zander Takac

Facts of the Petition

FA22-004 was submitted to the Student Government Association Election Commission on November 4, 2022, by the SGA Election Commissioner via the “Election Formal Petition Form Fall 2022. This form was established in accordance with the SGA Code Annotated to provide SGA members an electronic form for reporting suspected campaign infractions. The petition states prior findings by the Commission that several candidates for office in the Fall 2022 SGA General Elections failed to file initial financial reports that were correct and complete in form, in violation of the Code. SGACA Tit. VI Ch. 4 § 5(b)(vi). Quoting from the petition:

The following candidates failed to provide the Election Commission with an initial financial report before 5:00 PM on November 4, 2022 and are therefore considered to have provided an incorrect/incomplete report (SGACA Tit. VI Ch. 4 § 25(b)(vi)).

Demetri Papahronis submitted a financial report at: 1:58 AM on November 5, 2022, which was otherwise correct and complete.

Jordan Brown failed to submit an initial campaign financial report.

Madeline Cantrell failed to submit an initial campaign financial report.

Clayton Chiariello failed to submit an initial campaign financial report.

Isabel York failed to submit an initial campaign financial report.

Ezra Keonig failed to submit an initial campaign financial report.

Brandon Chenevey failed to submit an initial campaign financial report.

Tailyn Harris failed to submit an initial campaign financial report.

Lizbeth Islas failed to submit an initial campaign financial report.

Pierson Balsters failed to submit an initial campaign financial report.

Isabella Daly failed to submit an initial campaign financial report.

Nick Divirgilio failed to submit an initial campaign financial report.

Michael Stoyak failed to submit an initial campaign financial report.

Elijah Conom failed to submit an initial campaign financial report.

Carter Craig failed to submit an initial campaign financial report.

Anthony Diulio failed to submit an initial campaign financial report.

Steven Lee failed to submit an initial campaign financial report.

Parker Means failed to submit an initial campaign financial report.

Brandon Robertiello failed to submit an initial campaign financial report.

Zander Takac failed to submit an initial campaign financial report.

Upon review, each of these candidates was named as a Respondent to this petition and informed that they had 24-hours to file a response or request an oral hearing. After 24-hours, no candidate had requested a hearing, and the Commission received only two written responses. The first response was received from candidate Isabel York, who had intended to not submit a form because she did not have any expenses during her campaign. After being told she could submit her financial report past the deadline, but would still be discussed with the Election Commission, she still did not submit a form. The second response was received from candidate, Demetri Papahronis who insisted he had initially sent the form over email, but he had not. He then submitted a form that was considered past the deadline.

Discussion

When reviewing financial reports, the Commission found unanimously in each case that the alleged infractions occurred. Although candidate Isabel York submitted a written request, she was group with candidates who failed to submit a form at all. Demetri Papahronis was considered for less points because of his communication with the Election Commissioner, but because he still submitted one. 1.5 points for candidates who failed to submit financial forms was applied based on precedent of the 2021-2022 Election Commissioner's petition regarding financial reports. 1.0 was also based on precedent because candidates still made an attempt to submit a form, and therefore should receive less points.

It is so ordered.