

# 1. Collin James Haskin

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Jonathan Poston, Candidate for Director of SSIS, ran in a slate (collective of candidates) under the Coalition for Progress, specifically Project Sunrise. This violates ASI election code Article V, section B, clauses 1, 2, and 3.

Per clause one, Jonathan, along with a handful of other candidates, including the now-elected President and EVP, ran together under a slate formed by "Project Sunrise" (Sunrise for short). This included the slogan "VOTE, VOTE, VOTE," indicating them to vote for their slate of candidates; in addition dual ownership posts between Jonathan and Sunrise, and Sunrise and other candidates were published, indicating that a vote for this candidate was a vote for Sunrise, it is one thing to repost and share other posts from candidates you endorsed but another entirely separate thing to claim dual ownership over a campaign post; and finally in a single post they listed every candidate together they have endorsed, separately from the original endorsement posts, solidifying the slate to vote for that would be a vote for Project Sunrise.

Per clauses two and three, there was a pooling of resources between these candidates of the slate, including Jonathan Poston. This was done through goods bought at Costco. Jonathan (where his donation form noted \$22 chips that I witnessed to be a Cosco package) and another candidate, Tanishka (who has chips for \$23 on her donation form), were given "donations" by the president of Project Sunrise, Josiah Benoni, in the form of "chips" listed in the expeditor form. I am requesting that the committee require Josiah to present the receipt of these items donated, which should have been included in the candidate expenditure forms but were not. Once presented, these receipts will either show that they were bought completely individually, or the same credit card, Costco membership, or both on the same receipt, proving they were pooling resources and hid this fact behind the "donations" section of the form.

Early in the election, in a post by the Sunrise president, stating, "Our coalition seems to have 2 candidates (Tanishka & Jonathan). We hope to make up the difference by meeting with & reaching out to candidates for potential endorsements with binding pledges/agreements depending on agreed initiatives & support for a Coalition rep advisory Board." Jonathan was specifically named, endorsed, and proven to be a part of this coalition acting as a slate. This violates election code V., section D., clause 2.

Another piece of evidence indicating a slate was formed is shown in the form of a message to a group chat of Sunrise. In the group chat, the President sent a message stating, "We have 4 winners and 3 positions [...]." The use of the word "we" suggests that the aforementioned candidates were running together under the same umbrella. The implication is that resources from Sunrise were shared to support the campaigns, which is a direct violation of the election code. This sort of rhetoric was not a first either, during the night of the election results, a witness and an inner member of Sunrise, who in his attempt has been advocating for less of this line of behavior, witnessed a key

member of Sunrise, Nikita Akhumov, stating “We got four of them elected.” This sort of rhetoric was used time and time again throughout the campaign process by multiple members of Sunrise Advocacy for a Sunrise elected board.

As a final complaint, Jonathan was a part of a group (Sunrise) that publicly defamed other candidates and then, after the fact, covered it up. As well as being on the board for Sac State Dems, he knowingly allowed for the story resharing of a defamation post made by Sunrise to stay up and running on the official Sac State Dems Instagram.

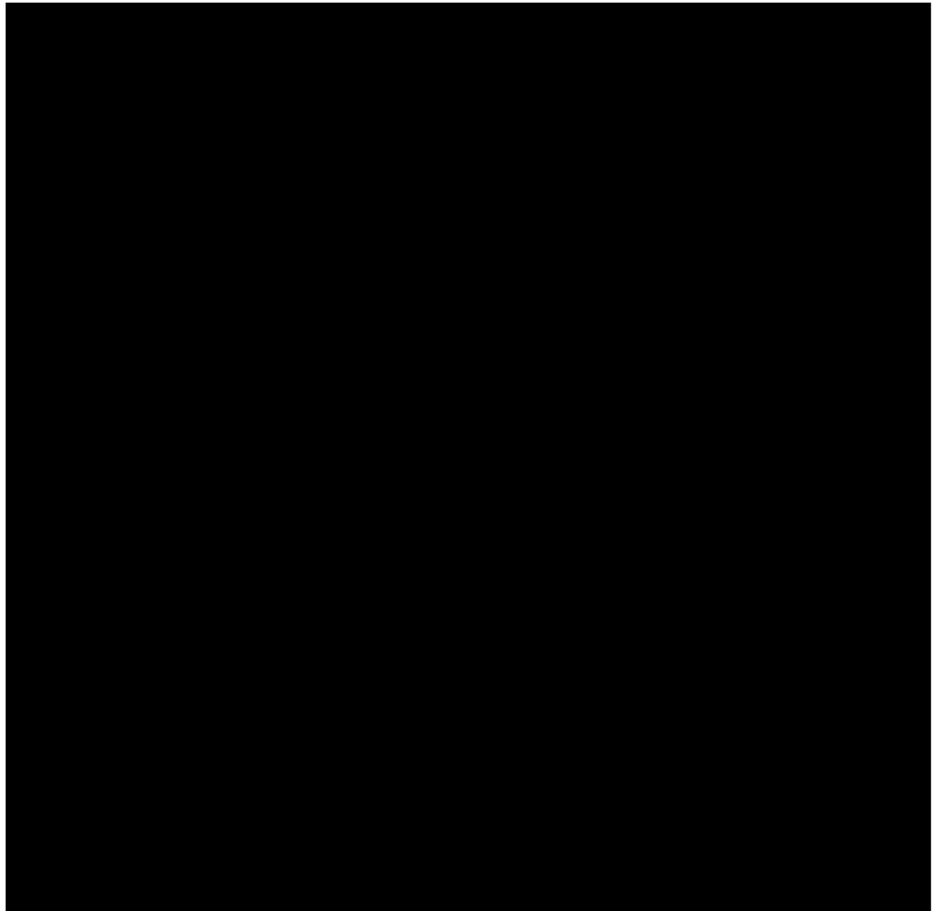
I would like to make it explicitly clear: this line of behavior during elections has led to an extreme disadvantage during the election process. The goal of preventing slates is to ensure that in small local elections like these, constituents vote based on policy, personality, and overall, how well they will represent them, and to ensure they do not vote based on a group of people piggybacking on top of each other. When elected, board members will have the opportunity to take their unique experiences and represent a populace they have participated in. When a slate is formed, the uniqueness is taken away, disregarding a part of the diversity vice our campus holds all together. I ask this committee take the evidence and pronounce appropriate consequences based on the actions of Jonathan Poston’s compliance, participation, and encouragement of the actions of “The Coalition for Progress” and “Project Sunrise.”

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Daniel Smith, can attest to these actions in the complaint.

The evidence depicts screenshots of the Coalition for Progress and Project Sunrise and Sac State Dems Instagram accounts and proof that Jonathan is a part of Sac State Dems, along with screenshots from the official Sunrise Group Chat all pointing towards them working together as a Slate.

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I propose that Jonathan Poston be disqualified as the Director of ASI.

In addition, all other candidates who formed this slate under Project Sunrise should be investigated.

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