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The Elections Complaint Committee improperly applied Article V(5), Section E of the ASI Elections Code in Complaint #1 regarding campaign expenditure disclosure requirements. The Committee acknowledged in its written decision that donuts were purchased, present during campaign operations, and that the receipt for the donuts was not included in the original Campaign Expenditure Form submitted by the Respondent, Harpreet Kaur Bahia. However, despite these undisputed facts, the Committee improperly narrowed the issue to whether donuts were distributed specifically “to increase campaign engagement,” rather than determining whether campaign-related expenditures and receipts were fully disclosed as required by Article V(5), Section E of the ASI Elections Code.

Article V(5), Section E requires that all campaign expenses, gifts, donations, discounts, and purchased campaign-related items be disclosed and accompanied by receipts in the Campaign Expenditure Form. The Committee’s written findings acknowledged that the donuts and receipt were omitted from the original filing, yet the Committee failed to properly apply the disclosure requirements contained in Article V(5), Section E. Additionally, the Committee’s written findings incompletely summarized witness testimony presented during the hearing. Multiple witnesses testified that donuts were present during both voting days and were distributed to students during campaign activity. Witness testimony regarding donuts being handed out to students, including testimony describing donuts being exchanged or “traded” in connection with votes, was not fully reflected in the Committee’s written findings or analysis. Three separate witnesses corroborated observations regarding donut distribution during campaign operations, yet the written findings minimized or omitted portions of this corroborating testimony.

The Committee also applied inconsistent evidentiary language in its written decision by referencing both a “clear and convincing” standard and a “preponderance of evidence” standard when evaluating the complaint. This created uncertainty regarding the burden of proof actually applied in reaching the decision.

For these reasons, the Elections Complaint Committee decision was affected by improper application of the ASI Elections Code, incomplete consideration and summarization of testimonial evidence, and inconsistent reasoning regarding the disclosure requirements under Article V(5), Section E.

The following oral and written evidence supports this appeal regarding the Elections Complaint Committee decision in Complaint #1:

- The written decision issued by the Elections Complaint Committee on May 18, 2026, which acknowledged that donuts were purchased, present during campaign operations, and that the receipt for the donuts was not included in the original Campaign Expenditure Form submitted by Respondent Harpreet Kaur Bahia.

Bahia, which did not disclose donuts as a purchase, donation, contribution, or campaign-related expense and did not include the Krispy Kreme receipt within the original filing as required under Article V(5), Section E of the ASI Elections Code.

- Witness testimony presented during the Elections Complaint Committee hearing from Sandra Delgado Candido, Aadil Bhat, and Shivjyot Singh Brar, all of whom testified regarding the presence of donuts during both voting days and observations of donuts being handed out during campaign operations.
- Testimony from Aadil Bhat describing observations that donuts were being exchanged or “traded” in connection with campaign interactions and voting activity during the election period.
- Documentary evidence and photographs presented during the hearing showing donuts present at the campaign table during election operations.
- The written decision itself, which inconsistently referenced both a “clear and convincing” standard and a “preponderance of evidence” standard in evaluating the complaint.

Expected witnesses for the appeal may include:

- Kenni Jocabet Diaz Lopez
- Sandra Delgado Candido
- Aadil Bhat
- Shivjyot Singh Brar

The Appellant respectfully requests that the Appellate Council overturn the Elections Complaint Committee’s decision in Complaint #1 on the grounds that the Committee improperly applied Article V(5), Section E of the ASI Elections Code, incompletely summarized material witness testimony, and inconsistently applied evidentiary standards in reaching its conclusion. The Appellant further requests that the matter be remanded for reconsideration under the proper application of Article V(5), Section E, specifically regarding:

- The undisputed omission of the Krispy Kreme receipt from the original Campaign Expenditure Form filing
- The failure to disclose donuts as a campaign-related purchase, donation, gift, or expenditure
- The corroborated witness testimony regarding the distribution and use of donuts during campaign operations across both voting days

Additionally, because Article V(5), Section E explicitly states that failure to provide receipts for purchased items is a violation of the Elections Code and may result in disqualification, the Appellant requests that the Appellate Council review whether the Elections Complaint Committee failed to properly enforce the disclosure and receipt requirements mandated under the Elections Code.

The Appellant respectfully requests any additional relief authorized under Article X of the ASI Elections Code that the Appellate Council deems appropriate to preserve fairness, transparency, accountability, and integrity within the ASI election process.