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The Elections Complaint Committee improperly applied Article V(5), Section I and Article IX.D of the ASI Elections Code in Complaint #2 regarding endorsement requirements and unfair campaign assistance. The Committee's written decision expressly found that Harpreet Kaur Bahia violated the ASCSUS Elections Code related to "claiming and receiving endorsements without required documentation." Despite this finding, the Committee improperly minimized the violation and denied meaningful relief by imposing an additional requirement that the complainant prove the endorsement postings directly influenced the outcome of the election. Article V(5), Section I clearly requires that a wet-signed endorsement form be physically submitted before a candidate may publicly claim or receive an organizational endorsement. The Elections Complaint Committee acknowledged that the Sikh Student Association endorsement form was never submitted by the required deadline, yet public endorsement activity still occurred through collaborative Instagram posts, Instagram stories, WhatsApp promotional activity, and organized campaign support connected to the Sikh Student Association and the Respondent's campaign. The Committee further acknowledged in its written findings that Sikh Student Association students supported Harpreet Kaur Bahia's campaign even in the absence of an official endorsement submission. However, the Committee failed to properly apply Article IX.D regarding unfair campaign assistance despite undisputed evidence that the Respondent publicly benefited from coordinated organizational support without complying with endorsement filing requirements. Additionally, the Committee's written findings incompletely summarized and omitted material testimonial and documentary evidence presented during the hearing. Multiple witnesses testified that they personally heard and observed individuals associated with the Sikh Student Association asking students to vote for both the Sikh Student Association and Harpreet Kaur Bahia during the election period. The written findings did not fully reflect this corroborating testimony regarding coordinated vote solicitation efforts connected to both the organization and the Respondent's campaign. The written findings also incompletely summarized documentary evidence presented during the hearing, including screen recordings showing that the collaborative endorsement post remained publicly visible on both Harpreet Kaur Bahia's campaign account and the Sikh Student Association's official Instagram account throughout both voting days. Additionally, rebuttal testimony regarding the WhatsApp promotional material remaining active after the Respondent became aware that no endorsement form had been submitted was inaccurately characterized in the Committee's written findings. The Committee also applied inconsistent evidentiary language by referencing both a "clear and convincing" standard and a "preponderance of evidence" standard in evaluating the complaint. Furthermore, the Committee

changed the election outcome rather than determining whether the Respondent improperly claimed and benefited from unauthorized organizational endorsement and coordinated campaign support prohibited under Article V(5), Section I and Article IX.D of the ASI Elections Code. For these reasons, the Elections Complaint Committee decision was affected by improper application of the ASI Elections Code, incomplete consideration and summarization of testimonial and documentary evidence, inaccurate characterization of rebuttal testimony, and inconsistent reasoning regarding endorsement violations and unfair campaign assistance.

The following oral and written evidence supports this appeal regarding the Elections Complaint Committee decision in Complaint #2:

- The written decision issued by the Elections Complaint Committee on May 18, 2026, which expressly found that Harpreet Kaur Bahia violated the ASCSUS Elections Code related to “claiming and receiving endorsements without required documentation.”

- The official endorsement records reviewed at the ASI Government Office after the April 17, 2026 deadline, confirming that no endorsement form from the Sikh Student Association was submitted or on file for Harpreet Kaur Bahia by the required deadline established under Article V(5), Section I of the ASI Elections Code.

- Screenshots and screen recordings presented during the hearing documenting:

- The collaborative Instagram endorsement post stating “Sikh Student Association endorses Harpreet Kaur Bahia”

- The endorsement post appearing publicly on both Harpreet Kaur Bahia’s campaign Instagram account and the Sikh Student Association’s official Instagram account

- The endorsement content remaining publicly visible throughout both voting days

- Instagram story promotional content posted by the Sikh Student Association supporting Harpreet Kaur Bahia’s candidacy

- WhatsApp promotional material and voting guide activity supporting Harpreet Kaur Bahia during the election period

- Testimony and admissions from Harpreet Kaur Bahia during the hearing acknowledging:

- The Sikh Student Association endorsement form was not submitted

- The organization supported her campaign

- The omission of the endorsement form was her responsibility and resulted from “human error”

- Witness testimony presented during the Elections Complaint Committee hearing from:

- Aadil Bhat

- Sandra Delgado Candido

- Shivjyot Singh Brar

These witnesses testified regarding personally hearing and observing individuals associated with the Sikh Student Association asking students to vote for both the Sikh Student Association and Harpreet Kaur Bahia during the election period.

- Rebuttal testimony presented during the hearing regarding:

- The collaborative endorsement post and promotional activity remaining active during the voting period

- WhatsApp promotional material remaining active after the Respondent became aware that the endorsement form had not been submitted

- The late timing of removal attempts occurring near the end of the second voting day

- Quantitative election data presented during the hearing showing:

- Harpreet Kaur Bahia won the election by 268 votes

- Sikh Student Association received 337 votes and won first place in the Cash for Clubs competition during the same election period

Expected witnesses for the appeal may include:

- Kenni Jocabet Diaz Lopez

- Aadil Bhat

- Sandra Delgado Candido

- Shivjyot Singh Brar (if needed regarding prior testimony and evidence presented during the Elections Complaint Committee hearing)

The Appellant respectfully requests that the Appellate Council overturn the Elections Complaint Committee's decision regarding remedy in Complaint #2 on the grounds that the Committee expressly found that Harpreet Kaur Bahia violated Article V(5), Section I of the ASI Elections Code related to claiming and receiving endorsements without required documentation, yet improperly minimized the seriousness and impact of the violation when determining relief.

The Appellant requests that the Appellate Council determine that the Respondent received unfair campaign assistance under Article IX.D through coordinated organizational support and public endorsement activity connected to the Sikh Student Association despite the required endorsement form never being properly submitted before the deadline.

The Appellant further requests that the Appellate Council consider that:

- The unauthorized endorsement was publicly displayed and promoted throughout the voting period
 - The endorsement appeared on both the Respondent's campaign account and the Sikh Student Association's official account
 - Coordinated campaign activity and vote solicitation for both the organization and the Respondent were corroborated through witness testimony
 - The Respondent acknowledged responsibility for the missing endorsement submission
 - The Respondent continued to benefit from organizational support and endorsement activity throughout the election period despite the violation
- Because the Elections Complaint Committee already determined that a violation of the Elections Code occurred, the Appellant respectfully requests that the Appellate Council determine whether the relief issued by the Elections Complaint Committee was insufficient and inconsistent with the seriousness of the violation and unfair campaign advantage received.

Accordingly, the Appellant respectfully requests:

- Disqualification of Harpreet Kaur Bahia under Article X.D of the ASI Elections Code; or alternatively,
- Invalidation and rerun of the Vice President of Finance election under Article X.F due to irregularities and unfair campaign assistance affecting the fairness and integrity of the election process.

The Appellant additionally requests any further relief authorized under Article X of the ASI Elections Code that the Appellate Council deems appropriate to preserve transparency, accountability, equal enforcement of election rules, and student trust in the ASI election process.