

## **2026 General Election and Election of the Associate Vice-President Labour**

CRO Decision in the matter of Mohamed Sabeq and Muhammad Faizan

Friday, February 20, 2026

### **Summary of alleged or discerned breach**

- The complainant alleges that the respondent breached GSA Election Bylaw and Policy, and University of Alberta posting regulations by physically posting multiple campaign posters in campus buildings (including the SUB and NREF) without the required building authority approval stamps and without prior approval from the CRO. The complainant further alleges that this conduct violated specific GSA Bylaws and Policies on campaign material authorization, while gaining an unfair competitive advantage contrary to the fundamental fairness principle governing GSA elections.

### **Parties to the complaint or breach**

- Complainant: Muhammad Faizan
- Respondent: Mohamed Sabeq

### **Summary of decision-making process**

- As per I.POL.11.4.a, the CRO reached out to the respondent for a response.
  - The respondent denied the alleged breach, stating that he obtained the required building-authority approval stamps for his campaign posters at both the SUB and the NREF, and provided photographic and/or video evidence in support of this claim. He also noted the possibility that unstamped posters observed at those locations may have been relocated from other campus locations that do not require stamps.
- The CRO provided ERC with both the complaint and response.
  - The CRO based on consultation with ERC members decided to dismiss the complaint.

### **Applicable GSA Bylaw and Policy and interpretations, other applicable policies/laws**

- I.POL.11.3.d The CRO, DRO or Acting DRO can dismiss a complaint if it is unfounded, frivolous, or vexatious.
- I.POL.6.1 “The fundamental principle underlying GSA elections is that they are to be fair, respect the wishes of voters, and conducted in a manner that reflects the excellent, positive reputation of the GSA” (GSA Bylaw and Policy, Section I.BYL.1.1).
- In this case, after review of the complaint, the respondent’s response, and the supporting evidence, it was determined that the complaint was unfounded and therefore subject to dismissal under I.POL.11.3.d.

**Decided upon penalties and/or remedial actions**

- Upon consideration of the evidence provided by the respondent in support of his defence, and in light of the interpretation of the GSA Bylaw and Policy, the complaint is dismissed accordingly.

**Appeal process and time limit**

- The appeal process is outlined in GSA Bylaw and Policy section I.POL.11.6.