

Dear Elections Board,

You completely disregarded the Undergraduate Council of Student's constitution, bylaws, and basic morals while conducting the election. Now, after announcing the results, you are attempting to overrule your own election.

If the Elections Board decides to violate their own bylaws by accepting this invalid complaint and overrule their own election announcement, then they must take all of their governing documents into consideration and fully correct for the many other breaches that they have made throughout this election process.

I am therefore filing the following formal complaints against the Elections Board, and demand that they are addressed before further action is taken regarding the results of this election and the potential for a runoff.

The UCS Elections Code, which is the prevailing set of bylaws regarding elections can be found at <https://www.brownucs.org/code-of-elections>

Violation 1

According to article 9, section 2 of the UCS election code, "No complaints may be filed with the Elections Board more than 24 hours after the closing of the polls"

Another presidential candidate's complaint directly leading to the runoff election was filed over 72 hours after polls had closed. This means that the Elections Board did not have the right to hear the complaint.

I am therefore filing a formal complaint against the Elections Board for violating article 9, section 2 of the UCS Elections Code.

Violation 2

According to article 9, section 3 of the UCS election code, "In discussing the approval of the election results, the council may only consider those complaints formally filed with the Elections Board..."

Another presidential candidate's complaint was not formally filed with the Elections Board in accordance with article 9, section 2 of the UCS Elections Code. The Elections Board therefore should not have discussed the informal complaint while discussing the election results which they had already approved and publicly announced.

I am therefore filing a formal complaint against the Elections Board for violating article 9, section 3 of the UCS Elections Code.

Violation 3

According to article 6, section 2 of the UCS Election Code, “With the exception of complaints filed against the Elections Board itself, all complaints filed relating to alleged violations of this Code shall be heard by the Elections Board. A complaint filed against the Elections Board shall be heard by a separate ad hoc Elections Appeals Board”.

Another presidential candidate’s complaint regarding a run off election was a clear complaint against the Elections Board’s handling of the election. However, the Board violated the bylaws by hearing this complaint against themselves and making the unilateral determination to overturn their own election results. They should have formed a separate ad hoc Elections Appeals Board instead of hearing the complaint against themselves.

I am therefore filing a formal complaint against the Elections Board for violating article 6, section 2 of the UCS Elections Code.

Violation 4

According to article 3, section 7 of the UCS Elections Code, “The Elections Board chairperson shall nominate the other nine (9) members of the Board, who must then be confirmed by a simple majority of the Council”

The Elections Board both failed to establish a board consisting of ten members and failed to confirm members by a majority vote of the Council. Instead, this Board was established executively and unconstitutionally. The current SGA Election Board is illegitimate.

I am therefore filing a formal complaint against the Elections Board for violating article 3, section 7 of the Elections Code

Violation 5

According to article 3, section 7 of the UCS Elections Code, “the six (6) positions on the Elections Board available to non-UCS members shall be widely publicized by UCS to

the student body, and best efforts shall be made to assemble a diverse and objective group of students from different communities”

The Elections Board presently consists of the two highest ranking members of CCB, UCS, and UFB, with no members of the Brown University undergraduate body outside of SGA. No publication of this board or recruitment for it was made to the student body. This both fails to properly publicize the Elections Board positions to the student body and fails to assemble a diverse and objective group as it consists exclusively of present members of SGA.

I am therefore filing a formal complaint against the elections board for violating article 3, section 7 of the UCS Elections Code.

Violation 6

According to article 6, section 4, clause 2 of the UCS Elections Code, “All members of the ad hoc Elections Appeals Board shall be selected ... prior to the candidates’ meeting”

The Elections Board failed to select members of the ad hoc Elections Appeals Board before the process had begun, a crucial step which is necessary to ensure that a separate board can oversee and judge the actions of the Elections Board itself.

I am therefore filing a formal complaint against the Elections Board for violating article 6, section 4, clause 2 of the UCS election code.

Violation 7

According to article 3, section 10 of the UCS Elections Code, “All Elections Board meetings shall be open to the public...”.

The current SGA Elections Board has yet to publicize their meetings and make them open to the student body. This lack of transparency has caused a flawed system which the Elections Board has continued to abuse.

I am therefore filing a formal complaint against the Elections Board for violating article 3, section 10 of the Elections Code. I also demand that all future Elections Board meetings are made open to the student body.

Violation 8

According to article 3, section 4 of the UCS Elections Code, "...the UCS President and the UFB Chair shall serve as non-voting, ex officio members of the Elections Board".

As the current UCS President has taken actions on behalf of the Elections Board throughout the campaigning process, she has demonstrated that she is more than an ex officio member of the board. The current UCS President has directly influenced the election procedures as a member of the Elections Board.

I am therefore filing a formal complaint against the Elections Board for violating article 3, section 4 of the UCS Elections Code.

Violation 9

According to article 3, section 10 of the UCS Elections Code, "Elections Board shall keep detailed minutes of all meetings, which shall be made public immediately thereafter".

The current SGA Elections Board has yet to publicize their minutes, making it difficult to hold them accountable.

I am therefore filing a formal complaint against the Elections Board for violating article 3, section 10 of the UCS Elections Code. I also demand that all minutes of Election Board meetings are made publicly available.

Violation 10

According to article 3, section 8 of the UCS election code, "A majority of the Elections Board constitutes a quorum. A quorum must be present at any meeting in order for any elections business to be conducted".

I was asked to meet with two members of the SGA Elections Board, a minority of the six total Elections Officials, and they told me that the runoff was going to be held. This very significant act of business does not meet quorum, and serves as one of many examples of how the Board conducts business informally and not in line with the specific quorum requirements.

I am therefore filing a formal complaint against the Elections Board for violating article 3, section 8 of the UCS Elections Code.

Violation 11

According to article 4, section 3 of the UCS election code, “No less than fourteen (14) days before the election, the Elections Board shall make public a date for a mandatory candidates’ meeting, which will mark the final deadline for 1) submitting petitions, 2) submitting position papers, and 3) declaring candidacy. This meeting shall take place no less than seven (7) days before the election”

SGA failed to organize a candidates meeting.

I am therefore filing a formal complaint against the Elections Board for violating article 4, section 3 of the Elections Code.

Violation 12

According to article 4, section 4 of the UCS election code, “Every candidate shall submit ... a position paper of a maximum length of one standard page and no more than 350 words”

The UCS Elections Board unconstitutionally decreased the maximum length of the position paper from 350 words to 250 words.

I am therefore filing a formal complaint against the Elections Board for violating article 4, section 4, of the Elections Code.

Violation 13

According to article 5, section 6 of the UCS election code, “Additional campaign requirements or guidelines may be established by the Elections Board, except where inconsistent with either the Constitution or the provisions of this Code”

The Elections Board has repeatedly created rules that are inconsistent with this Code and the constitution, which is evident via Ricky Zhong’s complaint as well as my complaints listed above and below.

I am therefore filing a formal complaint against the Elections Board for violating article 5, section 6 of the Elections Code.

Violation 14

According to article 5, section 6 of the UCS election code, “All new requirements or guidelines must be posted on the Campaign Webpage accessible from the UCS Website and made directly available to candidates through email notifications twenty-four (24) hours before they take effect”

I was not notified 24 hours in advance before rule changes took effect. In fact, the SGA announced a rule regarding social media posts that greatly affected my campaign at 9am on 4/9, the morning that campaigning started.

I am therefore filing a formal complaint against the Elections Board for violating article 5, section 6, of the UCS Elections Code.

Violation 15

According to article 6, section 4, clause 1 of the UCS election code, “The ad hoc Elections Appeals Board shall consist of the following individuals: the Vice President of UCS and two additional UCS members selected by the Vice President, the Vice Chairperson of UFB and one additional UFB member selected by the Vice Chairperson, and two undergraduates from the Student Conduct Board”

An ad hoc Election Board was not formed. This neglected the constitutional process for a fair trial of the complaint made by Ricky Zhong.

I am therefore filing a formal complaint against the Elections Board for violating article 6, section 4 of the UCS Elections Code.

Violation 16

According to article 6, section 4, clause 1 of the UCS election code, “In the event that any of the above mentioned individuals is already involved in the elections process (whether as a candidate, an Elections Board member, or a witness to the incident in question), he or she shall be replaced by the next highest-ranking member of their affiliated organization or a person of equivalent stature, who is not involved in the election, as necessary”

This entails that members involved in the elections process cannot be members of the ad hoc Election Appeals Board. This makes sure that those overseeing the Elections Board do not have a conflict of interest. However, this ad hoc Election Appeals board was not formed, and the Election Board judged the complaint against themselves, which is clearly forbidden as they are already involved in the elections process.

I am therefore filing a formal complaint against the Elections Board for violating article 6, section 4, clause 1 of the UCS Elections Code.

Violation 17

According to article 7, section 1, clause 3 of the UCS election code, “Each official endorsing group must send a delegate to the candidates’ debate, or another meeting specified by the Elections Board, in order to check in with the Elections Board Chair”.

The Elections Board did not host a meeting for endorsing groups to send delegates to, which violates the endorsement process and is clearly defined in the bylaws.

I am therefore filing a formal complaint against the Elections Board for violating article 7, section 1, clause 3 of the UCS Elections Code.

Violation 18

According to article 7, section 1, clause 3 of the UCS election code, “At this meeting, the Chair shall officially certify the individual endorsement processes of all the Official Endorsing Organizations, and groups must distribute their questionnaires or interview dates to the candidates”

The Elections Board did not certify an official endorsement process, which violates the endorsement process and is clearly defined in the bylaws.

I am therefore filing a formal complaint against the Elections Board for violating article 7, section 1, clause 3 of the UCS Elections Code.

Violation 19

According to article 7, section 1, clause 5 of the UCS Elections Code, “organizations must notify the Elections Board by the deadline chosen by the Elections Board of the names of the candidate(s) they have endorsed. These endorsements will be visibly posted at the polling site”

The Elections Board did not create a deadline for candidate endorsements, which violates the endorsement process and is clearly defined in the bylaws.

I am therefore filing a formal complaint against the Elections Board for violating article 7, section 1, clause 5 of the UCS Elections Code.

Violation 20

According to article 8, section 2 of the UCS election code, “The Elections Board shall use Instant-Run-Off Voting in order to tabulate ballots...”

The Elections Board did not use Instant-Run-Off Voting.

I am therefore filing a formal complaint against the Elections Board for violating article 8, section 2 of the UCS Elections Code.

Violation 21

According to article 9, section 3 of the UCS election code, “...the Elections Board and, in voting, the Council may only vote to accept or not accept the results and may not alter the results presented by the Elections Board”

The Elections Board already publicly announced their results which included Chas Steinbrugge winning the presidential race. The Council and Elections Board do not have the right to alter these results as is clearly explained in the bylaws.

I am therefore filing a formal complaint against the Elections Board for violating article 9, section 3 of the UCS elections code.

Violation 22

According to article 2, section 3 of the UCS election code, “the voting period for the election shall conclude at least one week before the first day of the reading period, without exception”.

The proposed runoff strictly will have a voting period that ends with less than one week before the first day of reading period.

I am therefore filing a formal complaint against the Elections Board for violating article 2, section 3 of the UCS Elections Code.

Violation 23

According to article 4, section 2 of the UCS election code, "Candidates for the UCS and UFB positions shall submit a petition with the signatures of 200 registered undergraduates to qualify for the ballot"

The SGA unilaterally decided to require 50 signatures instead of the required 200.

I am therefore filing a formal complaint against the Elections Board for violating article 4, section 2 of the Elections Code.

Violation 24

According to article 4, section 2 of the UCS election code, "The Elections Board shall make such petitions available to all candidates no less than fourteen (14) days before the election"

Since the election was announced on April 4th and polls closed on April 13th, the Elections Board only presented candidates with petitions 9 days before the election instead of the required 14 days.

I am therefore filing another formal complaint against the Elections Board for violating article 4, section 2 of the Elections Code.

Violation 25

According to article 4, section 1 of the UCS election code, "Not less than fifteen (15) days before the date of the elections, the Elections Board shall send to all registered undergraduate students in the University a notice announcing the elections"

Since the election was announced on April 4th and polls closed on April 13th, the Elections Board only gave candidates 9 days to prepare for the election rather than the 15 days which are prescribed by the bylaws.

I am therefore filing a formal complaint against the Elections Board for violating article 4, section 1 of the Elections Code.