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Election/Referendum Complaint Form

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Date and Time Received:	Complaint #	Staff Initials
March 3, 2018 @ 11:18 PM	2018- 003	CK

All complaints must be submitted to the CRO, using this form, within 48 hours of the alleged breach. Contact the CRO at cro@umsu.ca or 204-770-0757. Submissions preferred via email.

Complainant name	Anthony Wightman
Complainant student #	7721305
Complaining email address	wightmaa@myumanitoba.ca
Date and time of incident	Approximately 16:00, March 2, 2018
Specific section(s) of the Election Rules that are alleged to have been breached	SR9D: The use of violence or intimidation while campaigning is strictly prohibited. ERM Section XXIV: Campaigning Standards and Prohibitions 1. Each campaign shall act reasonably, responsibly, and in good faith.
Specific Slate, Candidate or Referendum Side that is alleged to be in breach	Mbuli Matshe, Elevate
Specific facts which, if proved, constitute a breach. (Continue on separate page as necessary.)	Harsimran (Harry) Singh (7735904), volunteer for Future UMSU since the beginning of campaigning, was campaigning in University Centre at approximately 4:00. Harry was left alone at his station when the Future UMSU team members originally present moved outside to take photographs. Mbuli Matshe and Owen Black moved towards Harry, who was in front of his station. Mbuli put his arm around around Harry's shoulders and said to Owen: "this n---- is campaigning against me". Harry replied to the effect that he's known Jehan Moorthy (Future UMSU – President) and Brandon Barratt (Future UMSU – VPSS) for five years, and that's why he's campaigning for them. At this point, Owen intervened, telling Mbuli to desist. Both Owen and Mbuli left. This constitutes unwarranted intimidation and harassment. Candidates and volunteers can chat amicably – "how's the floor", "how's it going", etc. That's part of a fair and clean election.

	<p>Physically accosting Harry, regardless of intent, combined with speech to the effect of perceived betrayal, constitute intimidation. Thus SR9D (intimidation) and ERMXXIV1 (reasonably, responsibly, and in good faith) were breached. The complainant thus seeks action against Mbuli and the Elevate slate.</p> <p>Two critical rules have been violated. Action is being sought because the violation of these rules has consequences beyond Harry's immediate discomfort. The prospect of intimidation fosters a culture of fear, and generates an unsafe environment that 1) discourages volunteering 2) makes candidates feel unsafe. Floor campaigning is already a high stress activity conducted in close physical proximity to one's opponents. Good conduct and amicable relations normally prevent campaigning from spiraling downwards. When they fail, action by the CRO is necessary.</p>
<p>Evidence of these facts.</p> <p>(Continue on separate page as necessary.)</p>	<p>Eyewitness testimony by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Harsimran Singh• Mbuli Matshe• Owen Black