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## Election/Referendum Complaint Form

| FOR OFFICE USE ONLY     |             |   |
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| Date and Time Received: | Complaint # | Staff Initials  |
| March 6, 2018 @ 9:46 am | 2018- 004   |  |

*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](mailto:cro@umsu.ca) or 204-770-0757. Submissions preferred via email.*

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| <b>Complainant name</b>  | Sarah Bonner-Proulx   |
| <b>Complainant student #</b>   | 7767489   |
| <b>Complaining email address</b>   | bonnerps@myumanitoba. ca  |
| <b>Date and time of incident</b>   | March 5, 2018 at 1:00pm   |
| <b>Specific section(s) of the Election Rules that are alleged to have been breached</b>                              | XI.b.1<br>Supplementary Rules 9.E   |
| <b>Specific Slate, Candidate or Referendum Side that is alleged to be in breach</b>                                  | Athena Skarban  |
| <b>Specific facts which, if proved, constitute a breach.</b><br><br><b>(Continue on separate page as necessary.)</b> | The Manitoban released a video of Future UMSU VPA candidate Athena Skarban where she is said quoted saying “what makes me different from other candidates in this position is, I care about the students, I’m not just doing this to put it on my resume”. This can be seen from 0:09 to 0:22 seconds in the video. This is interpreted as “negative campaigning” or an “attack” towards Elevate UMSU VPA candidate Sarah Bonner-Proulx and her public image.<br><br>This is in direct violation of Supplementary Rules section 9.E: ‘Negative campaigning, attack advertisements, or any campaign material that does not focus |

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|  | <p>specifically on the candidate that the material is meant to endorse will not be permitted and will be subject to penalty, up to and including disqualification. ‘</p> <p>The complainant understands the Manitoban is a third party and this content cannot be removed, however the Future UMSU VPA candidate Athena Skarban is guilty of making a vocal negative assumption about her opponent. As of 9:27AM on March 5, 2018, 598 view were reached on the Manitoban’s video of Skarban - this could have influenced voters on Bonner-Proulx’s motives, and the complainant finds this behaviour unacceptable, and a clear violation of the Chief Returning Officer’s Supplementary Rules.</p> <p>The question posed by The Manitoban is ‘Why are you running for the position’ however Skarban took it upon herself to pivot the question to ‘what sets her apart from other candidates’ which is not something that was prompted by The Manitoban, as the complainant assumes they were not attempting any of the candidates to break rules during the interviews.</p> |
| <p><b>Evidence of these facts.</b></p> <p><b>(Continue on separate page as necessary.)</b></p> | <p><a href="https://www.facebook.com/themanitoban/videos/10156317162904558/">https://www.facebook.com/themanitoban/videos/10156317162904558/</a><br/>-0:09-0:22 seconds</p>   |