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To the individuals involved in the 2020 UMSU General Election,

A decision has been made in response to an Appeal of Ruling 2020-009. This decision replaces any and all rulings and penalties previously outlined in Ruling 2020-009. The Judicial Board’s decision was made in accordance with UMSU’s governing documents. Many supporting documents provided to The Board by all parties were reviewed. In addition, a meeting of The Board took place this last evening that consisted of over 4 hours of deliberation and included a 2 hour hearing on the matter with all parties in attendance.

The Judicial Board’s decision can be broken up into three parts:

The first decision is to split the incidents described in the original ruling into two cases. Case 1 refers to an altercation that took place in the Arts lounge, between The Appellant and the volunteer, regarding masking tape. Case 2 refers to the subsequent interactions between The Office of the CRO and The Appellant.

The second decision finds, that in Case 1, The Appellant acted in a way that was not in accordance with the Election Rules. As a result of this, The Appellant will receive five (5) demerits effective immediately.

The third decision finds, that in Case 2, The Appellant acted in a way that was not in line with the due process of The Office of the CRO’s investigation. As a result of this, The Appellant will receive five (5) demerits effective immediately. Again, this decision replaces any and all rulings and penalties previously outlined in Ruling 2020-009 including but not limited to the disqualification of The Appellant.

The combination of these latter two decisions gives The Appellant a total of ten (10) demerits as a result of Decision 2020-009. Any rulings or assigned penalties by the CRO that took place after the original Ruling 2020-009 are still deemed to be effective.

We thank the parties involved for their cooperation in our hearing process.

Sincerely,

Michael M. Catanese
Chairperson