



University  
of Manitoba  
**STUDENTS'  
UNION**

## Election/Referendum Complaint Form

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Date and Time Received:	Complaint #	Staff Initials
2023-03-02 @ 11am	2023-15	ER

*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 204-474-8033. Submissions preferred via email.*

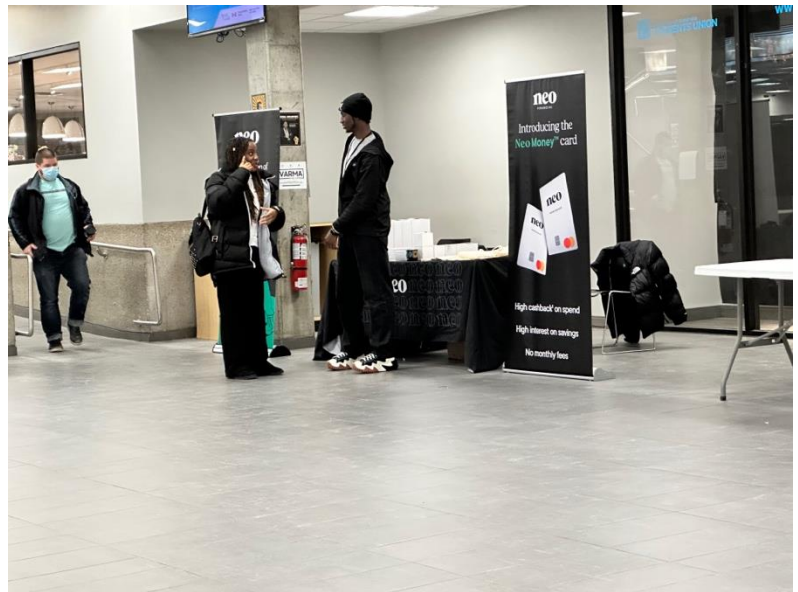
<b>Complainant name</b>	
<b>Complainant student #</b>	
<b>Complaining email address</b>	
<b>Date and time of incident</b>	Wednesday, March 1, 2023. Approx. 10 AM to 2 PM
<b>Specific section(s) of the Election Rules that are alleged to have been breached</b>	<p><b>Supplementary Rules, Section III, Clause 3</b></p> <p>Candidates and campaign managers who have access to resources not available to all Members of the Union including but limited to email lists and office space will not have access to these resources during the campaign period unless approved by the Office of the CRO.</p>
<b>Specific Candidate or Referendum Side that is alleged to be in breach</b>	Peter Akiode, Candidate for VP Finance and Operations
<p><b>Specific facts which, if proved, constitute a breach.</b></p> <p><b>(Continue on separate page as necessary.)</b></p>	<p>Peter Akiode is an employee of Neo Financial and a sales representative who is frequently at the University of Manitoba promoting the company's services.</p> <p>On Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at 10 AM, Peter was seen in his role as a Neo Sales Rep at their table in University Centre (See attached image). He was wearing their company lanyard and fully engaged in the duties of his position.</p> <p>This breaches the Supplementary Rule, Section III, Clause 3 as it provides an unfair advantage, not available to other students in this election.</p>

Tabling in University Centre provides a candidate with a platform to present their name and face. While it is not a student club, it accomplishes the same thing. All candidates were required step back from their roles in student clubs precisely because it gives them unparalleled exposure that is not related to the election, and they should not be using their position to promote themselves implicitly or explicitly. I believe that this rationale should be applied to anything related to on-campus activity, especially in University Centre during this election.

Furthermore, based on eyewitness testimony, when other Neo Sales Representatives were discussing their services with students, they were promoting Peter's UMSU VPFO Campaign. It is unclear whether these Sales Representatives are even UofM students, but even so, the purpose of the Neo Financial table is not to promote Peter's campaign.

**Evidence of these facts.**

**(Continue on separate page as necessary.)**



**NAMED with contact information**- Eye-witness of Neo Sales Representatives promoting Peter's campaign.

## **CRO Ruling:**

**Made on 2023-03-05 at 3:30am**

**Disqualification.** The evidence is clear that your campaign has majorly violated the Elections' Manual and Supplementary Rules. You have compromised the integrity of the entire election should I let you continue. As such you are disqualified from the 2023 UMSU Annual General Elections.

**Please note:** This ruling is in conjunction with Complaint 2023-16.

If you wish to appeal this ruling you must do so through the Judicial Board with the appeal form provided on the UMSU elections website under Candidate Resources. Please note, only the party of the complaint can place an appeal.