



University
of Manitoba
**STUDENTS'
UNION**

Election/Referendum Complaint Form

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY		
Date and Time Received:	Complaint #	Staff Initials
2023-03-02 @12am	2023-14	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 or 204-474-8033. Submissions preferred via email.

Complainant name	
Complainant student #	
Complaining email address	
Date and time of incident	Tuesday Feb 28, AM
Specific section(s) of the Election Rules that are alleged to have been breached	The supplementary rules Section III, 14,
Specific Candidate or Referendum Side that is alleged to be in breach	Ivan Nunez Gamez – VPA
Specific facts which, if proved, constitute a breach. (Continue on separate page as necessary.)	<p>The supplementary rules Section III, 14, state "Candidates running as Slates, whether actual or apparent, for any Executive, Community Representative, or other CRO-recognized position is strictly prohibited."</p> <p>It has come to my attention that the candidate, while in the presence of Presidential Candidate Roleen, engaged in discussions regarding campaign strategies and tactics while standing by the Presidential Candidates official table in UC, the discussion, while not entirely focused on strategies was approximately 25+ minutes. An official member who oversees the elections observed this discussion and can attest to such. It was clear that the candidate was offering advice that was unsolicited and uninvited by the Presidential candidate or any of her campaign team members. While it is permissible for candidates to associate with one another, it is a clear violation of the aforementioned rule for them to engage in concerted efforts to pursue election, which appear as a unified slate of candidates.</p>

	<p>The behavior of the candidate is alarming, and may have compromised the integrity of the elections. Given the fundamental need to ensure a free, fair, and transparent election, it is essential that this complaint be investigated with due urgency and rigor.</p> <p>In light of the aforementioned transgression, I respectfully request that the following steps be taken:</p> <p>Conduct an investigation into the candidates participation in any other campaigns and take appropriate action as deemed fit.</p> <p>Review and reinforce, the rules and guidelines governing the conduct of the candidates in the election, and take necessary action to ensure that all candidates understand their legal and ethical responsibilities and obligations.</p> <p>I implore you to take this complaint seriously, and to treat it with the utmost gravity that it warrants. I look forward to hearing from you regarding the status and resolution of this complaint.</p>
<p>Evidence of these facts.</p> <p>(Continue on separate page as necessary.)</p>	<p>Witness by student, students, and election official.</p>

CRO Ruling as of 2023-03-05 at 3:30am:

No Demerits given. After further investigation with the witnesses and the party of the complaint’s written response, I have determined no regulations were broken at the time of the incident.

A written warning was given to all candidates in an email approximately 10 minutes prior to this ruling. As there was no rule currently in place at the time of this incident regarding this behaviour, the candidate will not be penalized. Any future instances of this behaviour will be penalized.

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.