

Present:

1. Issadore

2. Cordell
3. Sander
4. Chevrier
5. Glynne
6. Robertson
7. Frank
8. Morgan
9. Mallea
10. Goodman
11. Dru Ellis
12. Walsh
13. Burns
14. Maciewicz
15. Benay
16. Rifkin
17. Taylor

18. Ash

19. McCarty
20. Candon
21. Cafferelli
22. Howard
23. Shackett

24. Jones

25. Wong

26. Valenta

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27. Ford Hutchinson
28. Whitmore
29. Crowley
30. McDonald
31. Krodel
32. Paquette (late)
33. Wilkinson-Ray (late, here at 8)

Excused:

1. Foster
2. Van Backer

Missing:

1. Viadero-Lopez (unexcused)

2. Mensah (sent email. Excused?)

Agenda change: Senator Just was late...so :

Agenda:

Start at 7:42 am

Open and Explain:

Possible violation in Cynic

Senator Corthell:

“It is important that folks are reasonable and ask about the process and the clarity of the decision. Should not be a personal attack.”

3 days ago: brought to Seth’s attention that Bob commented in the cynic. Talked to VP Kennedy, Pres Taylor—decided to call the meeting because it’s questionable..

Questions to consider:

1. Are the rules official? Seth says yes. Rule # 3 “election will be comprised of two separate periods. The signature period and the campaign period.” ... “***Only after this meeting with candidates be able to begin campaigning in any fashion**”

Seth’s interpretation: this means you can only get your petition signed during that period, nothing else.

2. Is asking people to sign your petition campaigning? (Seth thinks no.)

3. Was he campaigning? (if yes, we have to sanction him) Did he get an unfair advantage because of what he said?

4. Separate question of what was his intention from did he violate the rules.

5. Precedent has been set: Scott McCarty was sanctioned because someone else created a Facebook group for him...he didn’t do it, but the results favored him.

Speaker Frank: read quotes from Just in the Cynic Article “President Taylor Won’t Run Again”

Q and A:

Whitmore: Is Bob running?

AF: He’s signed out a petition, and we have to assume that he’s eligible o be on the ballot

MG: What was the McCarty punishment

SC: A time sanction, but we should consider this situation unique

Glynn: Does anyone running for office feel like they're at a competitive disadvantage because of this?

Wong: I don't think it's really relevant, but maybe because I'm running for VP

SC: We should also think about this in terms of a loop hole for the future... talking to UVM Media

President Taylor: be aware that candidates have a vested interest in this

Rifkin: been in contact with author of article, and had strictly told her in advance no campaigning

ADE: When did bob sign out petition?

SC: Wednesday, before article

AWong: (thinks it was Friday)

RV: Is there precedent (in terms of UVM Media)

SC: Think it's important to remember that when you talk to media your words are public....could be campaigning

Benay: Signed out petition when?

Timeline:

Petition on Wednesday

Spoken to between Thursday and Friday

Article written on Friday

Robertson: first quote sounds like he's considering being a candidate.

Whitmore: If you voice that you are running, is that campaigning?

SC: no...the problem is elaboration

Ash: As a candidate myself, I've been contacted by media, I'll contact you next Tuesday.

Senator Just: (here at 8 am)

Contacted by the cynic, question was "what does it mean to run for the SGA President", also was asked "are you running"

20/70 didn't know at the time whether or not he was going to run.

He understands that when you read these quotes it looks like it could be campaigning...but it was not his intention last week, and he didn't know he was going to be a campaign.

Benay: when you were interviewed?

Just: picked up the packet Friday. Just wanted to have the Packet as an option...didn't collect signatures until Saturday

Whitmore: intentions aside, did you think we might have to have a meeting like this?

Just: total surprise to me, didn't know we would do this kind of thing.

Sander: do you think this article gives you more visible as a candidate?

Just: honestly, I've been quoted a lot in the Cynic. It definitely gave me visibility, but I don't think it catapulted me to a new status or changed people's opinions. I don't think it's making a huge impact on peoples decisions.

Goodman: are you running?

Just: yes. "at this point I am running" ...talked to IRA reps, has confidence in them.

ADE: so you weren't exactly sure, but the thought had crossed your mind, and then you were emailed for an interview, and then you picked up a packet on the same day...didn't conflict of interest occur to you?

Just: yes, in hindsight I would have answered the questions differently. At that point I was not aware that it could be considered campaigning. In hindsight I probably should have been.

Senator Taylor: Here's where I am on this: we deal with gray areas a lot in academic integrity: 1. Individual responsible or not? 2. Was it intentional or not?

1. believes yes, Just is responsible

2. don't think it was intentional.

Recommend that you are sanctioned, but recommend that it's the least possible sanction.

Just: I agree. There's validity to the concerns.

Wilkinson-Ray: what were the questions that were sent to you?

1. Are you running for SGA President, could you comment on that?

Along the lines of "what would IRA do next year"...etc?

Didn't know what the topic of the Article was. Questioning was more about what do you think of the upcoming elections.

Just exits:

Open the floor:

- 1) Vote on Sanctions or no sanctions
- 2) Vote on sanctions if passed

Executive Session...for five minutes. Roll call vote was called and so executive session was ended.

Results:

Is he responsible:

Yes:

Sander
McCarthy
Caferelli
Burns
Paquette
Robertson
Taylor
Glynne
Lucas
Mallea
Chevrier
Goodman
Dru Ellis
Candom
Walsh
Howard

No

Maciewicz
Krodel
Crowley
Rifkin
Valenta
Benay

Abstain:

Wilkinson-Ray: abstained because I was late.

Whitmore : abstained because Foster's email shed a lot of light on the issue. Thinks it's a neutral issue (A Frank:...not a valid reason to abstain.)

Ash
Issadore
Jones
McDonald: same reasons as other
Wong
Corthell

Revote:

Yay:

Howard
Walsh
Dru Ellis
Candon
Claire Chevrier
Goodman
Mallea
Morgan
Whitmore
Steele
Robertson
Sander
McCarthy
Caferelli
Paquette
Burns

No:

Valenta
Wilkinson-Ray
Thomas Ford Hutchinson
Benay
Krodel
Rifkin
Mcdonald
Crowley
Maciewicz

Abstain:

Ash
Wong
Issadore
Jones

Found not responsible, Senator Just called back in, informed.

Meeting adjourned.