

The University of Alabama
Student Government Association
Student Elections Board Ruling

ELECTION: Spring 2023 SGA General Election

HEARING DATE: February 20, 2023

COMPLAINANT: Elections Board

ALLEGED: Megan Bonhaus

ELECTION CODE VIOLATIONS: XVII.F. Candidates must provide all receipts and estimates, in addition to all contact information for all services provided.

ELECTIONS BOARD DECISION: By a vote of 7-0, the Elections Board found the Bonhaus Campaign to be in violation of XVII.F. According to Bonhaus, she did not realize that the receipt had not attached to the submitted financial disclosure form until receiving the email from the Elections Board. Bonhaus attempted to use Acrobat sign and believes there was an issue with combining the files. The Board agrees that the absence of receipt was entirely accidental, and all that was able to be done to correct this error was done as soon as possible. The main factor in the Board's decision was that while the receipt was absent from the form, the record of expenditure was still present, clearly indicating that there was no ill-intent, nor attempt to conceal information. As such, no penalty points will be assessed.

PENALTY: A warning is issued to the Bonhaus Campaign.

Subject: Re: Request for Missing Financial Disclosure Form #2 Receipts
Date: Sunday, February 19, 2023 at 8:48:14 PM Central Standard Time
From: Megan Bonhaus [REDACTED]
To: sgaelections <sgaelections@ua.edu>
Attachments: Screen Shot 2023-02-19 at 8.46.58 PM.png

Here is the receipt! So sorry about that. Thank you so much.

From: sgaelections <sgaelections@ua.edu>
Date: Saturday, February 18, 2023 at 11:45 PM
To: Megan Bonhaus [REDACTED]
Cc: Evie Feinour [REDACTED]
Subject: Request for Missing Financial Disclosure Form #2 Receipts

Megan,

Your Financial Disclosure Form #2 has been received; however, receipts are missing for the following ACTUAL expenses:

- **Imprint.com - \$227.50**

Please respond to this email by **12:00pm CST on Sunday, Feb. 19** and provide the required documentation. As a reminder, failure to accurately report campaign expenses is violation of the Election Guidelines. Once received, the Elections Board will review your excuse and decide whether a violation will be issued against your campaign. If you believe this to be incorrect, please submit proof of your on-time submission of the aforementioned expense receipts.

Sincerely,

Elections Board

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FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FORM/BUDGET FORM

This is the Financial Disclosure Form/Budget Form for SGA General and Special Elections. The form should be uploaded to the candidacy application or emailed to sgaelections@ua.edu per the election timeline. All associated invoices and receipts should likewise be uploaded or emailed as a PDF or JPEG file with any personally identifiable information, other than the candidate's name, redacted. Even if candidates did not spend campaign funds this form **MUST** be submitted with a zero-dollar amount.

Name: Megan Bonhaus Date Submitted: 2/17/2023

List all sources of campaign funds and/or contributions, including money and services. The sources may be individuals, organizations, businesses, etc. If a service is donated, please ask the donor to estimate the fair market value of the service to you.

Campaign Funds/Contribution

Source (Individual or Organization)	Amount (\$)

Campaign Expenditures

Company	Description	Unit Cost Per Item	Total Cost	Estimated or Actual Cost?
Imprint.com	Campaign Buttons; 2.25 inch	\$1.09	\$227.50	Actual Cost

Candidate Signature: Megan Bonhaus

You may attach additional documents if necessary; all invoices and receipts must be included in the submission of this form.



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Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 9:36 PM

To: Megan Bonhaus

Sale: 1-800-530-6218
Support: 281-786-3764

Hi Megan Bonhaus,

Thank you for placing your order with Imprint.Com!

Purchasing Information:

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Billing Address:

Megan Bonhaus

[REDACTED]

US

Shipping Address

Megan Bonhaus

[REDACTED]

US

Order Number: [REDACTED]

Order Status: Pending

Payment Method:

Order Subtotal: \$227.50

Coupon Discount: -\$5.50 (AUTO5)

Order Total: \$222.00

Product Description **Quantity** **Total**

2 1/4 Inch Round Custom Buttons 250 \$227.50

Button Type: Premium (Recommended / Most Popular)

Eco Ink: Yes (Free)

Proof Charge: No

Estimated Delivery Date: Tuesday Feb 21, 2023 [+0.47] (RUSH) (3)