

The University of Alabama
Student Government Association
Student Elections Board Ruling

ELECTION: Spring 2023 SGA General Election

HEARING DATE: Monday, February 13, 2023

COMPLAINANT: Carrye Ann Rainer

ALLEGED: Jordan Suttles, College of Arts & Sciences Senator

ELECTION CODE VIOLATIONS: XIX.C. Early campaigning from candidate, campaign manager, or top five

ELECTIONS BOARD DECISION: By a vote of 7-0, the Elections Board found the Suttles' Campaign in violation of Elections Code XIX.C. While the Board agrees that this post did not/will not significantly impact the outcome of the election because of the short duration that the post was viewable by the public, the photo itself was not the only conflict; it was also the comment of "THIS EXEC" that acknowledged that this photoshoot was campaign related. Further, the Suttles campaign confirmed to the Board that this was indeed a campaign Top 5 photoshoot. Therefore, commenting 'this exec' is clearly in reference to the campaign team.

PENALTY: The Suttles' campaign is awarded 3 points for a minor campaign violation.

Q1.1.

The University of Alabama Student Government Association

ELECTIONS VIOLATION COMPLAINT FORM *All information/blanks must be completed in order to be reviewed by the Elections Board*

Any member of The University of Alabama community shall have the right to file a complaint. Complaints must be filed in writing. Oral complaints will not be accepted.

Complaints must contain the following:

1. Name of the candidate and/or individual(s) who committed the alleged violation
2. Brief description of the alleged violation, including date and time of the incident and reference to the relevant provisions of the [Student Elections Board Manual](#)
3. Any applicable evidence
4. Printed name of the person filing the complaint
5. Signature of the person filing the complaint

No anonymous complaints will be reviewed. Further, complaints must be filed within 24 hours of the violation or within 24 hours of when the violation is known.

If you have questions regarding filing an Elections Violation Complaint Form, please email sgaelections@ua.edu.

Q1.2. Name of person filing complaint:

Carrye Ann Rainer

Q1.3. Phone Number:

[REDACTED]

Q1.4. UA Crimson Email Address:

[REDACTED]

Q1.5. Date of Incident/Violation: (mm/dd/yyyy)

02/05/2023

Q1.6.

ALLEGED

Person(s) committing the alleged violation and for whom, the complaint is being filed against.

Jordan Suttles

Q1.7.

ELECTION CODE VIOLATIONS

List specific election codes that were allegedly violated. Refer to the [Elections Manual](#) for the relevant provisions of the code.

Under class XIX: Classification of Violations, section C, "Early campaigning from candidate, campaign manager, or top five" As per XI: Campaigning, section A, "Campaigning, for the purposes of the Student Government Association Elections, is defined as, but not limited to, any written statement, speaking engagement, display, or active distribution of any campaign material and/or activity that is intended to encourage voting for an individual candidate or group of candidates." As per section B, "The candidate is responsible for communicating campaign guidelines to their campaign team." Whereas the official campaign period does not begin until February 20th.

Q1.8.

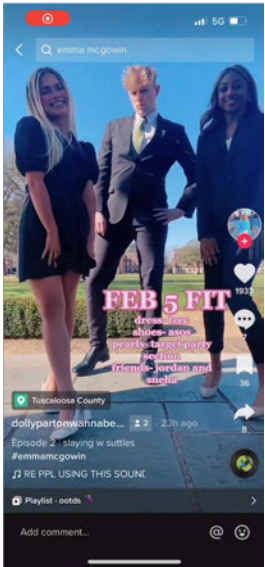
DESCRIPTION/NARRATIVE

Please provide a brief description of the alleged violation, including date, time, and location of the incident; along with a list of individuals who may have knowledge of the alleged violation.

On February 5th, a video was posted by @dollypartonwannabe02 a UA student named Emma McGowin. The video features candidate Jordan Suttles with two members of his top 5 dancing to a song. The caption reads, "slaying with suttles" and is a clear violation of the no campaigning before the official period begins rule. In addition, user @ellendegenerestwin comments "THIS EXEC." in the comments. This user is the candidate Jordan Suttles himself. The video was taken on the steps of Denny Chimes with a view of other academic buildings in the background. The video was just brought to my attention, and is still currently posted online on the platform TIK TOK. The candidate himself, Jordan Suttles and a member of his top 5 Emma McGowin may have knowledge of this violation in addition to his unnamed campaign manager.

Q2.1.
APPLICABLE EVIDENCE

Attach additional information and/or files for consideration.



Q2.2.
PRINTED NAME

Please type your full name to indicate that you understand that this complaint report is not confidential and may be posted publicly per Section XVIII.F. VIOLATIONS of the Elections Manual.

Carrye Ann Rainer

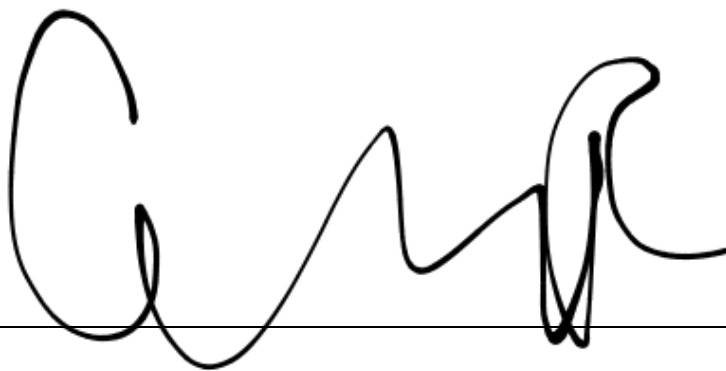
Q2.3.

ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE & POLICY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Knowingly filing a frivolous or bad faith complaint may result in the individual or campaign filing the complaint being subject to sanctions and/or referral to the Office of Student Conduct (OSC).

By signing below, I confirm my understanding of the aforementioned Elections Board policy on filing complaints and certify that all information contained in this report is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A signature is required to submit this form. Please sign below using your mouse cursor (or finger, if you are using a tablet or other mobile device with touchscreen capabilities) to indicate your acceptance of the above stated terms.



A handwritten signature in black ink is written on a horizontal signature line. The signature is cursive and appears to be 'C. M. R.'. To the left of the line is a small grey 'x' icon, and to the right is the word 'clear' in red text.