

## SBA ELECTION DECISION – DISQUALIFICATION LETTER

Sagar,

Good afternoon. As you are aware, there has been a formal complaint filed against you election misconduct. Upon discussion with the SBA Board of Governors, the Elections Committee has determined that you are in violation of the following provisions.

11.2 Lie about or disparage another candidate.

Based on the following language found you in violation fo 11.2. The committee determined that this statement consitutes disparagement. The defintion used to determine this can be seen attached to this email. We find that the comments were used to "lower in rank and reputation" your opponent.

**"My opponent is running on a campaign of "unity and togetherness." However, this same candidate has made concerning comments about my intention to join the "white boys club." As an Indian-American, I am proud of my beautiful and vibrant heritage, and I would never give up my ethnicity to feel accepted by another group of people.**

**Being a lawyer requires a certain level of decorum and professionalism within the institutional setting. There is no room for insults and anger. One must be willing and able to hear diverse viewpoints and assess situations pragmatically."**

The committee finds further violation in your statements made to the Daily Wire in your attached here; <https://www.dailywire.com/news/unc-activists-want-minority-student-recalled-from-position-of-power>. The problematic language in the article can be found attached as well.

11.3 Campaign prior to or after the designated campaign period.

The committee further finds you in violation of 11.3 due to your communications with the Daily Wire about your intentions to run for SBA 2L Class President and statement do fall outside the designated campaign period.

Per our bylaws, the Election Committee had the discretion to punish these violations as they see fit.

Section 6 Any student who is eligible to vote for a specific candidate may challenge that candidacy or other general conduct of an election by submitting a complaint in writing or via email to the Chairperson of the Elections Committee at any time during the election period but not later than three (3) days after elections results are posted. **The Committee shall give a ruling on the complaint and dispense with any necessary discipline, including, but not limited to disqualification, no later than three (3) days after receipt of the complaint.** The decision of the Committee may be appealed to the Advisor of the Student

**Bar Association.** Members of the Elections Committee may challenge any candidacy regardless of the ability to vote for that candidate. Should the Elections Committee fail to act within the specified time period, the full Board of Governors shall take further action.

**At this time, the committee has decided to disqualify your candidacy for 2L President from the ballot tomorrow, but have chosen not to suspend your rights to a run-on campaign if you choose to partake in the election in that matter. Your name will not be on the ballot for 2L Class President. As seen in Section 6 of the bylaws, this decision may be appealed to the Advisor of the Student Bar Association, Lakethia Jefferies.**