

Decision KSA 2022 #3 Re: Slating

Throughout this election days during the 2022 KSA general election I received numerous unofficial complaints (over 15), including from members and several staff and faculty regarding the campaigns for this election. A number of reasonably credible allegations of slating were made but little evidence was provided with these allegations. However, during the investigations of other complaints, I discovered a variety of images that show a pattern of 2 individuals being together in the same campaign events and materials.

KSA Bylaws Article 5, Clause 11 states:

Slates, expressed or apparent, shall not be allowed in any election.

KSA Procedures Section XI, Article 3, Clause 2h states:

Pursuant to bylaw 7(6), candidates are strictly prohibited from running in slates, real or apparent, or sharing expenses for campaigning and the cost of campaign materials, or campaigning in elections as a slate. A slate shall mean two or more candidates running for elected office in a coordinated fashion to achieve a mutual advantage in the election. Individuals may campaign together for the purposes of a referendum.

There were numerous reports of such behaviour and other informal complaints provided to me that were consistent with that described above, but didn't include specific evidence of slating "real or apparent" slating behaviour.

However, I was able to view videos and photographs posted by the "International Student Union (ISU)" that included footage of various evidence of slating for both Ranjot Singh and Jujhar Inder Singh Sidhu. "Video 1" and is seemingly quite antagonistic.¹ Both candidates can be seen in the video together and this video can certainly be seen as part of the election campaign. I've included a screenshot of the video at Annex 1, with both candidates circled for clarity.

In a second video posted by the ISU, speaking about Surrey Campus Candidates, Jujhar commented on the post with a "strong arm" emoji.² Screenshot of the video at Annex 2.

¹ Last viewed on March 27, 2022: <https://www.instagram.com/tv/CbLYSUWpucT/>

² Last viewed on March 27, 2022: <https://www.instagram.com/p/CbHCj2zDjcc/>

In a third video posted by the ISU, Jujhar can be seen at a rally with many supporters holding posters for Ranjot Singh.³ Still Instagram photo of from the time of this video at Annex 3.⁴

As well, I came across a re-share of an Instagram post that Ranjot Singh and Jujhar Inder Singh Sidhu were tagged in. Ranjot shared the post that includes a joint campaign “poster” for Ranjot Singh and Jujhar Inder Singh Sidhu. The post can be seen at Annex 4.

I presented Video 1 to both Ranjot and Jujhar (at the time it was the only evidence I had showing them together) and both responded that they didn’t know each other (see responses below).

Jujhar responded by stating:

On the day when this video was made one of my friend was with that group and he offered me to stand with them but I had no idea that Ranjot Singh was even there as i have just met him once or twice and don’t know him personally.

Ranjot responded by stating:

I really appreciate that you emailed me and i saw that video and i just want to you know that that video was not regarding election campaign and ISU is a student union and i am part of it and we were just replying some groups who were saying wrong about that union and i want you to talk to any indian KSA worker so that they can explain u proper wordings of it and. even i don’t know juhjar. we just met in elections.

Ranjot and Jujhar follow each other on Instagram and clearly are reasonably aware of each other. However, there is sufficient evidence for me to determine that slating was apparent between the two candidates, no matter how well they know each other. Jujhar was slating when he was present at a rally with Ranjot, and made especially clear with all the students holding posters for Ranjot. He also commented on an ISU post with his “strong arm” emoji with regard the ISU post showing a speech about the Surrey Campus Representatives. Ranjot was slating by sharing posts that included campaign advertising for both himself and Jujhar in one post.

Candidates enter into an election process that is a serious matter. By completing a nomination package that includes references to important clauses of the rules and informs prospective candidates to read the bylaws and regulations, the candidates take responsibility understand and follow the rules and regulations.

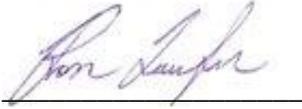
Given the above-described posts post and events, I have determined that real or apparent slating, as per the KSA’s definitions, has taken place. These are serious violations that erode the trust of the KSA membership. Given this, Ranjot Singh and Jujhar Inder Singh

³ Last viewed on March 27, 2022: <https://www.instagram.com/p/Ca8ebMJFrqe/>

⁴ Last viewed on March 27, 2022: <https://www.instagram.com/p/Ca6KoNar71y/>

Sidhu are disqualified from this election, though I note that Ranjot has already been disqualified under a previous decision.

I note that Mr. Singh and Mr. Sidhu have 48 hours from the time they receive this decision to submit an appeal in the manner set forth in Section XI, Article 11 of the KSA regulations. Appeals may be sent to: complaints@kusa.ca

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Ron Laufer
Chief Returning Officer

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