



Election and Disputes Commission Student Government George Mason University

**EDC Commissioners: Anthony Bedward, Roger Dean, Michael Essiaw, Sarah Jenkins
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On April 8th, 2016 the Elections and Disputes Commission met and decided two grievances filed against candidate John Daniels. Nathaniel Pittman and Chelsea Loane both filed reports alleging that Daniels had violated one section of the George Mason Election Code, being as follows:

“Section 5.5: Candidates are not permitted to wear, display, or carry any campaign materials past the front desk of the Student Involvement unless they are covered or otherwise out of sight. A candidate may enter the Student Involvement with campaign materials if the sole purpose is to speak with an EDC member regarding the campaign material in question.”

The grievances were filled after allegedly, candidate Daniels, used the Student Involvement office to campaign during the MGC meeting and to work on campaign materials. Daniels stated that he was not campaigning and only his friend was looking at campaign material online without interference from himself.

The Elections and Disputes Commission took two votes to decide if there was a violation of the Election Code.

The first vote was if candidate Daniels was in violation of Section 5.5 for campaigning in the Student Involvement office during the MGC meeting and **should receive one strike**. With a vote of **0-3-1**, found candidate Daniels was not in violation of Section 5.5 of the Election Code during the MGC meeting.

Commissioners Voting Aye:

Commissioners Voting Nay: Commissioner Muzzy, Commissioner Shreve, Commissioner Dean

Commissioners Abstaining: Chair Sapko

The second vote was if candidate Daniels was in violation of Section 5.5 for working on campaign materials in the Student Involvement office and **should receive one strike**. With a vote of **2-1-1**, found candidate Daniels was in violation of Section 5.5 of the Election Code.

Commissioners Voting Aye: Commissioner Muzzy, Commissioner Shreve

Commissioners Voting Nay: Commissioner Dean
Commissioners Abstaining: Chair Sapko

- The EDC believes that candidate John Daniels was actively soliciting support of his campaign by showing his friend campaign materials online. The EDC also believes that by having candidate John Daniels nearby it would, to the average person, seem like active campaigning by using campaign materials in the Student Involvement office.

One commissioner did dissent on the violations given, believing that the actions should not constitute a strike as they believed there was a lack of evidence for the EDC.

As such, by vote of the Elections and Disputes Commission, John Daniels and his executive campaign, is charged with one strike, but allowed to remain in the campaign.