

As Written By Justice Ethan Moore

JUDICIAL PANEL
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT
THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Daizhon Cox

Plaintiff

v.

Amjad Almuti

Defendant

19 February 2025

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In the matter of *Cox v. Almuti*, the plaintiffs allege that the defendants violated *Article II, Section A, Subsection a.i. and Article II, Section A, Subsection a.vii* of the Undergraduate Student Government Election Bylaws.

Election Bylaws

II.A.a.i.

“Candidates, candidate teams, and slates may not disseminate libelous or slanderous information against another candidate.”

II.A.a.viii.

“No candidate, candidate team, or slate may use supplies, materials, or equipment from the Ohio Union Resource Room for any campaign activity.”

Held: On the count of *Article II, Section A, Subsection a.i.* of the Undergraduate Student Government Election Bylaws, the Judicial Panel unanimously finds that the defendant is not in violation of this bylaw. The complainant presented insufficient evidence to prove a violation beyond a reasonable doubt. While accusations were made that members of the Almuti campaign dissuaded students from supporting Mr. Cox’s candidacy, no actual evidence was provided to support these claims. Furthermore, Mr. Cox could not prove that Mr. Almuti was attempting to undermine the Cox and Ward campaign through the use of Mr. Almuti’s campaign team. With far from sufficient evidence to support these accusations, we cannot conclude beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant violated this bylaw.

On the count of *Article II, Section A, Subsection a.vii* of the Undergraduate Student Government Election Bylaws, the Judicial Panel unanimously finds that the defendant is not in violation of this bylaw. The complainant presented insufficient evidence to prove a violation beyond a reasonable doubt. While accusations were made that the Almuti campaign used student Christopher Cade to take a campaign photo using a camera that is property of Ohio State, the complainant offered very little evidence to prove that the camera in question was, in fact, university property. Without proving that the camera was from the Ohio Union Resource Room, or from the university itself, we cannot conclude beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant violated this bylaw.

It is so ordered.

Signed: The Judicial Panel

Majority:

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Chief Justice Ethan Moore (Presiding)

Justice Emily Doucette

Justice Judith Vega

Justice Ryan Buchko

Justice Sean O'Brien