UNIVERSITY ELECTION COMMISSION

Case #:

JEREMY KEENEY, Complainant

v.

REBECCA LIEBSHUTZ, & HAITHAM MAAILIEH, Respondents

Heard Before REESE, NICHOLS, FOX and LE, Commissioners.

Released: March 13, 2014

FINAL OPINION

PER CURIAM.

This matter comes before the University Election Commission (“the Commission”) on the complaints of Petitioner, JEREMY KEENEY (“Keeney”), against the above captioned Respondents. Petitioner alleges that Respondents failed to attend a mandatory candidates’ meeting held on February 27, 2014 in violation of § B(7)(d)(iv) of the Election Code. Respondents do not contest that they were absent, but ask the Commission to consider the extenuating circumstances surrounding their absence. Respondent Liebshutz is currently studying abroad in India. Respondent Maaieh was called away from Ann Arbor due to a family emergency. As they share similar questions of law and fact, the Commission ORDERS the above captioned cases consolidated for joint disposition. The Commission FINDS that Respondents did fail to attend a mandatory candidates meeting in violation of the Code; however, the Commission FURTHER FINDS the presence of extenuating circumstances and, under the authority conferred by § B(8)(b)(iii) of the Election Code, concludes that the issuance of a warning in lieu of demerits is appropriate in these circumstances.

Respondents are therefore WARNED that they have violated the Election Code and that further violations may result in the assessment of demerits. Accordingly, neither demerits nor vote reductions are assessed against Respondents.