IN THE
UNIVERSITY ELECTIONS COMMISSION

No. UEC-2015-F-001

JACOB PEARLMAN, in his official capacity as Student General Counsel, Complainant

v.

JOHN HOUGHTON, Respondent

[November 7, 2015]

Appearances of Counsel: JACOB PEARLMAN appeared before the Commission in his official capacity as Student General Counsel. JOHN HOUGHTON did not appear.

Heard Before: REESE, Election Director, ANDREWS, CELENTINO, CONNELLY, and REAVES, Commissioners

Backup Election Director LAWTON and Commissioner BENNETT did not participate in the consideration of this Complaint.

Opinion of the Commission

PER CURIAM,

This matter comes before the University Elections Commission on the complaint of Petitioner, JACOB PEARLMAN, in his official capacity as Student General Counsel, against the above-captioned Respondent.
Petitioner alleges that Respondent, JOHN HOUGHTON, failed to attend a mandatory candidates’ meeting held on November 5, 2015 in violation of § B(7)(d)(iv) of the Election Code. Respondent has failed to file a response with the Commission and did not appear at hearing. The Commission FINDS that Respondent did fail to attend a mandatory candidates meeting in violation of the Code. The Commission FURTHER FINDS that no extenuating circumstances justify exercise of the mitigation authority conferred by § B(8)(b)(iii) of the Election Code. It therefore concludes that the issuance of one (1) demerit, as requested by the Complainant, is appropriate in these circumstances.

We therefore find the Respondent, JOHN HOUGHTON, to be GUILTY of a violation of § B(7)(d)(iv) of the Election Code.

It is therefore ORDERED that one (1) demerit be assessed against Respondent, JOHN HOUGHTON, and that the total weighted votes for Respondent be reduced by three (3) percent accordingly. Respondent’s demerits totaling less than five, they remain eligible for election.