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ATTENTION	<b>Senate</b>
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RE	Report of the Electoral Standing Committee
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The following report covers the period May 2016 to May 9, 2017.

During the Spring 2017 undergraduate student election for Senate, the Electoral Standing Committee received five complaints alleging that an election rule was violated during the voting period. The cases involved five complainants and one respondent.

The Committee decided in two cases that there was insufficient direct information to proceed with the complaints. In one case there was an absence of complainants with first hand knowledge, who were approached by or observed the respondent act in the way alleged. In the second case the complainant did not wish to meet and discuss the complaint with the Committee.

The Committee, after considering the remaining three complaints, decided that the candidate violated the election rule that:

“Candidates and their agents must not approach voters during the balloting period with a computer, cell phone, or other electronic device and ask them to cast a vote.”

The effect of violating the rule was to increase the number of votes received during the voting period and could have affected the outcome of the election. Therefore, in order to ensure the fair administration of the election, the Committee disqualified an undergraduate student candidate for Senate in the Spring 2017 election.