

### **Complaint Four Ruling: IUSG Election Commission**

**Issued: 4/15/2020, 6:00 pm EST**

After reviewing the initial filing of this complaint, the Election Commission has noticed certain discrepancies in regard to the 48 hour complaint window that impact the viability of Complaint Four.

The original complainant, the Defy ticket, filed the original complaint at 11:58 pm EST on Thursday, April 9th, 2020. The complaint alleges that the deadline for intermediary financial forms was extended until Tuesday, April 7th, 2020. This is not correct. The intermediary financial statements of both campaigns have been available on the Election Commission website since 10:34 pm EST, Monday, April 6th, 2020, almost two hours before they were due at 11:59 pm EST, April 6th, 2020. The complainant uses the time and date of 12:00 am, Tuesday, April 7th, 2020 as their reference for the 48 hour timeline. Even if this time and date was to be accepted by the Commission, the complainant would have to file their complaint by 12:00 am, Thursday, April 9th, 2020. The complainant did not submit their complaint until nearly 24 hours later, at 11:58 pm, Thursday, April 9th. Because of this, any violations that may have occurred were not reported in time for consideration by this Commission.

The Commission recognizes that it previously had accepted this complaint, but after looking at the time of official publication of the intermediate financial statements on the IUSG website, we made this acceptance in error. We sincerely apologize for any lost time or resources that either campaign spent pursuing this complaint. **This complaint is dismissed from further consideration as it falls outside the 48 hour window in which a complaint would be eligible for consideration.**

It is so ordered.

The Indiana University Student Government Election Commission

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