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## **EGC DECISION**


February 8th, 2019

After conducting a diligent and thorough review, the Elections Governance Committee has concluded that Victoria Barroso has violated section 12.1 of By-Law #2. This violation occurred when she posted a Facebook post with the purpose of campaigning that contained the Western University logo. Consequently, the EGC has sanctioned Victoria with a minor violation. The full report is attached.

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**Candidate(s) under review:** Victoria Barroso

**Deliberations:** February 7th, 2019

**Present:** CRO, DRO, 

1. Allegation(s)
  - a. On January 24th, 2019, Victoria Barroso posted a Facebook post regarding her campaign and used the Western University logo (Exhibit 1).
2. Violation Under By-Law #2
  - a. **Section 12.1 Campaign Materials and Brandin**

Candidates in all elections shall refrain from the use of the USC or University logo and any other USC or University copyrighted material or image when producing materials printed, written, or otherwise produced for the purposes of campaigning
3. Investigative Action Taken by the EGC
  - a. Several committee members examined the evidence in question to determine the validity of the allegation. Through this, the committee was able to determine these actions warranted a violation. The violation submission can be found in Exhibit 2.
  - b. Victoria Barroso was requested to come in for a hearing on February 7th in order to follow up with the allegation. She attended the hearing.
4. The EGC's Findings
  - a. The EGC determined that the action of posting a Facebook post with the purpose of campaigning with the Western University logo is a violation of section 12.1 of By-Law #2.
5. Decision
  - a. In committee quorum, the EGC unanimously agreed that Victoria Barroso was in violation of section 12.1 of By-Law #2, which is considered a minor violation under the EGC's Sanction Framework.

Approved for release

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# Elections Governance Committee

## Exhibit 1:

## Exhibit 2:

**Name of candidate alleged to have committed a violation** Victoria Barroso

**Position being sought by candidate (i.e. Councillor, Faculty President, PVP Slate, Senator, Board of Governors):** Faculty President

**Approximate date alleged violation occurred:** Jan 24, 2019

**Approximate time alleged violation occurred:** 04:00 PM

**Relevant Section of By-Law 2:** 12.1

**Details of alleged violation:**

"Candidates in all elections shall refrain from the use of the USC or University logo and any other USC or University copyrighted material or image when producing materials printed, written, or otherwise produced for the purposes of campaigning."

The image attached shows the accused of having the University copyrighted image on the sweatshirt of her endorsement for the purpose of campaigning. This is a direct violation and is clearly stated as the official Western copyrighted logo for clothing here - [http://communications.uwo.ca/comms/pdf/Western\\_StyleGuide\\_Final\\_Jan2013.pdf](http://communications.uwo.ca/comms/pdf/Western_StyleGuide_Final_Jan2013.pdf)