



# ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

## *Student Government Association*

This letter serves as an **official notice of a decision** from the 2026 Elections Committee. At 11:17p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 17, Chief Counsel Nishtha Mayani filed an Official Complaint Form against the Amplify Executive Ticket (“Respondent”) on behalf of the Reimagine Executive Ticket (“Complainant”). On Wednesday, February 18th at 11:27a.m., the Elections Committee voted unanimously to hold a hearing. The hearing took place on Wednesday, February 18th from 9:30p.m. to 10:21p.m. The Elections Committee discussed the hearing from 10:39p.m. until 11:07p.m before coming to a unanimous decision for a formal reprimand.

### Summary of the Complaint:

The Reimagine Ticket filed a complaint against the Amplify Ticket citing there was a violation of Elections Code 703.4.d.i as they claimed the Amplify Instagram page and presidential candidate were promoted by UGA’s Applied Politics Certificate Program which is not a registered student organization, but an official university academic program.

### Elections Code 703.4.d.i:

*No organization or entity that is not a registered student organization, an approved Ticket, or group of registered campaign staff may attempt to influence the election, support a candidate, or engage in other campaign activity. If a Ticket member of a Ticket, or member of a campaign staff seeks the support, monetary or otherwise, of an individual or entity not permitted to engage in electioneering, the campaign shall be held liable.*

The Elections Committee found that the Applied Politics Instagram is not a registered student organization and rather a certificate program by the University. While the Committee understands the unique circumstances of this account uplifting students participation across campus, the Committee agreed that the repost of a specific ticket despite a lack of intentionality to endorse a specific ticket may have had an influence on the election.

As the Applied Politics Instagram contains “uga” in the title and represents an academic certificate at the university, the Instagram’s posts come with a higher level of respect, validity, and attention from students. Due to this, the Committee found it likely that a reasonable student could see the repost and perceive it as an endorsement of the Amplify ticket, regardless of intent.

While the Committee acknowledges there is discrepancy between whether the Amplify ticket was aware of the post or not, the Committee found it is the responsibility of the ticket and its candidates to keep track of their presence and support online. This process is to ensure that non-student actors or entities that are not registered student organizations do not influence

voting decisions in the student body election.

The Elections Committee did not find there was sufficient evidence provided that the Amplify ticket sought out an endorsement, however, still assumes the responsibility of ensuring that their ticket does not engage in any promotional campaigning that may influence the election, regardless of intentionality of the poster.

Decision of the Committee:

Based on the evidence provided by Complainant, and following a private deliberation process, **the Elections Committee decided to place a formal reprimand on the Amplify ticket per Section 703.4.d.i as the Applied Politics Instagram is not a registered student organization that may have a power in influencing the election, regardless of the intention of the post.** The Elections Committee advises that in the future if any social media postings are shared from an entity not permitted to engage in electioneering to request the post to be taken down and report their request for the post to be removed to the Elections Committee.