ELECTIONS COMMITTEE
Student Government Association

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COMPLAINT FORM

As per Chapter 711 of the Elections Code, any student shall be able to submit complaints about Elections Code violations and shall be responsible for representing his or her position in any possible resulting hearing.

- However, pursuant to Chapter 711.1ai of the Elections Code, the Chief Counsel shall be the only person permitted to submit complaints on behalf of his or her respective campaign.

The Elections Committee must act on all complaints within two (2) school days after they are received, or by any deadline for action assigned by the Elections Code, either by dismissing them or by calling a hearing.

The Elections Committee may dismiss a complaint for the following reasons:

- If the complainant does not file the complaint in a manner that all hearings and deliberations will be completed, and all sanctions and remedies will be assigned, by the certification of the General Election Results on Wednesday, Feb. 25th, at 5 p.m. (or by the certification of the Run-Off Election Results on Friday, Feb. 27th, at 5 p.m. if applicable).
- If the Elections Committee lacks jurisdiction over a subject or a party in the dispute.
- If the complaint fails to state a cause of action for which relief may be granted.
- If the complaint is not submitted in good faith and is primarily for the purpose of harassment.
- For lack of evidence or refusal of the complainant to testify or elaborate via hearing.
    - Any person who files a complaint shall be required to attend the possible resulting hearing.
    - A candidate/Ticket member(s) shall not be required to attend any hearing so long as this candidate/Ticket member(s) has a Chief Counsel who attends and represents the campaign instead.

Hearings shall be formatted in a way that all parties are represented equally and that the information necessary to make a decision is provided.

All decisions by the Elections Committee must be clearly reasoned and explained using citations from the Elections Code, and/or any other governing documents of the Student Government Association.

The complaining party shall bear the burden of proof.

Ignorance of the Elections Code, either by candidates, members of a Ticket, staff members, or by members of the Elections Committee, shall not be an acceptable defense in response to any offense committed in any election governed by the Elections Code.

A campaign's Legal Team, led by the Chief Counsel, shall represent the campaign in any case, hearing, appeal before the Elections Committee and/or the Supreme Court. More information about regulations on Legal Representation in hearings and appeals can be found in Chapter 711.4 of the Elections Code.

No person appearing before the Elections Committee or Supreme Court may knowingly or willfully make any false statement or representation, knowingly or willfully create or present false or doctored evidence, conceal any fact, obstruct (or endeavor to obstruct) the activities or investigations of the Committee or Court, or obstruct (or endeavor to obstruct) any disciplinary action imposed.

The Elections Committee shall hold the ability to request attendance of specific individuals in hearings to take necessary action to enforce the Elections Code.

A decision or ruling is reached when a majority of the Elections Committee concurs with such a decision or ruling.

The Elections Committee has the discretion to take any action that is deemed appropriate with regard to any complaint.

Any original complainant/defendant of a hearing may petition the Supreme Court to hear their case for an appeal of the decision of the Elections Committee if the petitioning party believes that the Committee did not adhere to the Elections Code and/or other governing documents in making its decision. This request for appeal must be submitted to Chief Justice Etinosa Ogbomo (Etinosa.Ogbomo@uga.edu@uga.edu) within 24 hours of the Elections Committee's release of its decision.

The Supreme Court may reject an appeal for failure to cite the Elections Code, lack of standing, lack of jurisdiction, or failure to file the complaint with adherence to deadline requirements.

More information regarding the formatting of and procedure by which a hearing or appeal operates can be found in Chapter 711 of the Elections Code.

<u>The Complaint Form can be found on and after the third page of this document, and those pages are the only pages required with submission.</u>

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If you are filing on behalf of an Executive Ticket or individual candidate, please indicate said Ticket/campaign:
Reimagine

Cause of action and time of occurrence (if over 48 hours have passed you must provide an

explanation for the delayed submission):

Formal complaint against the Amplify executive ticket for having their Instagram page and presidential candidate promoted by UGA's Applied Politics Certificate Program, which is not a student organization, but an official university academic program.

This offence took place on Monday, 2/16/2026, was recognized by the Reimage executive ticket that day, and the complaint was submitted on 2/17/2026 after verifying the post as a breach of UGA's Student Government Election Codes.

Article(s) Violated (please include which governing document(s) was violated, as well as specific section numbers):

Elections Code Article 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."

Explanation (please be as detailed as possible; these details will be necessary in making a fair and accurate ruling on the case):

Elections Code Article 705.1(a) outlines the distinct features of campaigning, namely "any and all intentional actions to promote, publicize, and secure support for a candidate(s) and/or Ticket, including dissemination of campaign materials and social media posts, as defined by the Elections Committee". Candidate endorsement, a specific aspect of campaigning, is defined in Elections Code Article 703.4 as any organization that attempts to influence the election, support a candidate, or engage in other campaign activity on behalf of a running ticket during election season.

There are clear guidelines laid out in the Elections Code Article 703.4(b) that dictate how candidates may choose to be endorsed by a student organization. Endorsements occur through an endorsement form signed by the president of said organization, meant to distinguish the relationships of these organizations to their respective tickets. This endorsement policy does not extend to any "organization or entity that is not a registered student organization" including campus programs or university academic resources. The Applied Politics Certificate Program is not a UGA student organization and rather a certificate program. Registered UGA student organizations are designated through the UGA involvement network. Applied Politics is not listed on the involvement network as a registered UGA student organization [Exhibit B].

An instagram post from the Amplify account was reposted on the story of UGA's Applied Politics Certificate Program, a university academic program, with a text handle that tagged the presidential candidate of the Amplify Ticket. Additionally, this story was left up for all twenty-four hours of its natural duration [Exhibit A]. This means that there was no attempt made by the Amplify ticket to remove the post to abide by the Elections Code. According to Elections Code Article 703.4(d) i., if said organization or entity attempted "to influence the election, support a candidate, or engage in other campaign activity," or "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 Amplify campaign has demonstrated their understanding and acknowledgement of the Elections Timeline and the Elections Code through their statement of intent. As detailed within the Elections Code Article 711.3 i. "Ignorance of the Elections Code, either by candidates, members of a Ticket, staff members, or by members of the Elections Committee, shall not be an acceptable defense in response to any offense committed in any elections governed by this Code." By submitting their statement of intent, Amplify agreed to the terms in the Elections Code, and claiming to not know the Elections Code as a defense is improper as detailed in Elections Code Article 711.3 i.

The Elections Code has clearly established the guidelines for what constitutes a valid organization to endorse a ticket, and how that process should be pursued. The Amplify executive ticket is not only held liable for the improper endorsement of a university program, but also by all reasonable conclusions did not make any strides to correct this program and let the post potentially influence the election as it engaged in campaign activity. These guidelines are set in place for the purpose of fair and unbiased elections so that no position of power at the university has sway over the vote of the student population, and it is our understanding that these same guidelines be upheld to preserve that very fairness.

Evidence/Supporting Documents (may be included at the end of this Form or on the submission page on the Involvement Network as an attachment; please label each item as “Exhibit A, B, C, etc.” and refer to these items as such in your explanation)

Exhibit A: a screenshot taken on 2/16/2026 which shows the UGA’s Applied Politics Certificate Program reposting Amplify’s instagram announcement and tagging the presidential candidate.

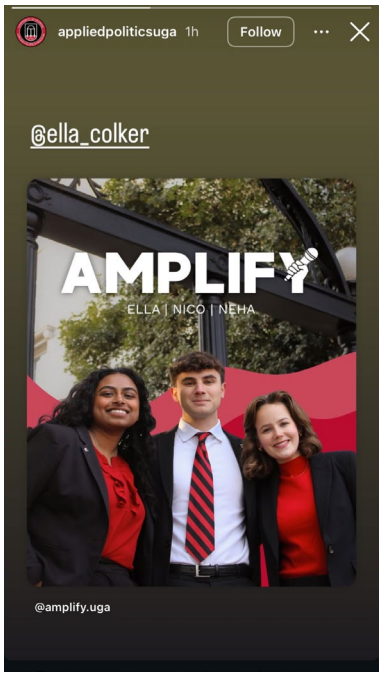

Exhibit B: a screenshot taken on 2/16/2026 proving that UGA’s Applied Politics Certificate Program is not a registered UGA student organization within the Involvement Network.

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Register an Organization

Agricultural and Applied Economics Graduate Student Association

Young Democrats

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By signing and submitting this Form, it is hereby agreed to by the signatory that:

- I understand that this Complaint is a public document and shall therefore be available for public inspection, but that all contact information shall be redacted to respect the privacy of the Chief Counsel, and that all information regarding any personal information or the involvement of any third-party individual(s) that is not intended to be public knowledge shall be subject to redaction by the Elections Committee in order to protect the privacy of said involved individual(s).

- I understand that, if my initial Complaint is denied by the Elections Committee, or if I do not believe that the Elections Committee has adhered to the Elections Code or other governing documents, I have the ability to petition the Supreme Court of the Student Government Association for an appeal of the decision of the Elections Committee.

- I affirm that all information reflected, and all evidence included, in this Complaint is accurate and truthful, and that I have not knowingly or willfully:
    - Made any false statement or representation; or,
    - Created or presented any false or doctored evidence; or,
    - Falsified or concealed any fact through any form of deception.

- I affirm that I will not knowingly or willfully:
    - Obstruct, or endeavor to obstruct, any investigation or proceedings of the Elections Committee; or,
    - Obstruct, or endeavor to obstruct, any disciplinary action imposed.

- I affirm that, as Chief Counsel, I, or the candidate(s) or a registered individual on the Legal Team acting as Chief Counsel, shall attend any hearing that results from the filing of this Complaint, and that failure to do so may result in dismissal of this case as per Chapter 711.3fi of the Elections Code. I understand that, if I am not affiliated with a campaign, or if am not submitting this Complaint on behalf of a campaign, I shall still be required to attend any hearing that results from the filing of this Complaint, and that failure to do so may result in dismissal of this case as per Chapters 711.3f of the Elections Code.

SIGNATURE OF CHIEF COUNSEL*. Nishtha Mayani DATE 2/17/2026

**Or, signature of submitter (if submitter is not affiliated with or submitting on behalf of a campaign)*