

**DISCIPLINE, INTERPRETATION, AND ENFORCEMENT
BOARD**

Citation: Interpretation re , 2025-08-20

REQUESTED BY:

Levi Flaman, (Candidate)

Applicant

**SECTION 3.1(b) DECISION
BYLAW 1500**

Panel Members:

***Tahsin Tarannum, DIE Chief
Tribune (Chair)
Kyla Johnson, DIE Tribune
Ranzell Ortega, DIE Tribune***

Hearing Date:

2026-01-16

Witnesses for the Applicant: N/A

The reasons for the Board are delivered by...

LEGISLATION

Regulation 100.01 Section 05

1. Creation or Amendment of a Standing Order:
 - a. The proposed change to standing orders is added to the Council Administration Committee agenda.
 - b. The motion is presented in the following format:**
 - i. The principle and/or objectives of the new or amended standing order is listed, and**
 - ii. The specific wording of the standing order is provided. In the case of the Amendment of an existing standing order, the Amendment shall**

be formatted such that deletions to the existing Regulation shall be shown by using a strikethrough font and additions to the existing Regulation shall be shown by using an underlined red font.

- c. The Council Administration Committee can choose whether or not to recommend the proposed change to Council.
 - d. Should the change be recommended, it is added to the next Order Paper of Council.
 - e. Upon passing by Council, the new/amended Standing Order takes effect immediately.
2. Suspension of Standing Orders
- a. Any Councilor may at any point during a Council meeting make a motion to suspend standing orders.
 - b. They shall explain to the speaker what they intend to accomplish through the suspension of standing orders.
 - c. A simple majority of Council is required to suspend the relevant standing orders.

FACTS

[1] During their meeting on July 8, 2025, the Chair of the Council Administration Committee, (“CAC”) raised a “transparency issue” with Students’ Council, seeking opinions regarding the change to Standing Orders for Students’ Council.

[2] According to the meeting minutes from July 8, 2025, the motion to repeal Student Council Standing Order 13.2C was discussed, and there was a statement that the transparency issue will come up in the next Students’ Council meeting, however no formal decision was made. At the end of the meeting minutes, it was noted that this issue would be brought up in the next Students’ Council meeting.

[3] On July 15, 2025, there was a motion to amend Student Council Standing Orders 13.2C during the Students’ Council meeting, which was approved.

[4] The motion to repeal Student Council Standing Order 13.2(c) was not reported in accordance with Regulation 100.01 Section 05 and listed as originating from the Executive Committee.

[5] The responding party admits to this technical error on account of members of the Student’s Union being unfamiliar with the technicalities of the legislation.

[6] There was no mention of the motion to repeal Student Council Standing Order 13.2(c) in the Executive Committee meeting minutes from May 1, 2025 (start of 2025/26 term) through July 11, 2025.

ISSUES

[7] Is the motion to repeal Student Council Standing Order 13.2(c) procedurally invalid as it did not comply with UASU Governance Regulation 100.01 Section 05?

[8] Does the inaccurate origin listing, being that the Executive Committee was named instead of

the CAC, constitute a breach of procedural integrity according to Regulation 100.01 Section 05?

ANALYSIS

[9] UASU Governance Regulation 100.01 Section 05(b) clearly states the correct format for proposing a change to a Standing Order.

[10] The inaccurate listing of the motion to reappeal Student Council Standing Order 13.2(c) originating from the Executive Committee instead of the CAC violates the specific wording required to repeal a Standing Order listed in Regulation 100.01 Section 05(b).

[11] Technical errors excused on past rulings and unfamiliarity with UASU legislation do not constitute as valid excuses for not agreeing to the guidelines on UASU Governance Regulation 100.01 Section 05 when proposing to repeal a Standing Order.

DISPOSITION

[12] The motion to reappeal Student Council Standing Order 13.2(c) is a violation of UASU Governance Regulation 100.01 Section 05.

[13] Decisions made by the DIE Board can not be repealed if over 1 year has passed since the decision was made.

[14] The reporting party reserves the right to request an appeal for a DIE Board decision within 7 days of a ruling made by the Panel of First Instance in adherence to Bylaw 140.19 Section 01.