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On Thursday, February 13th 2020, the Undergraduate Student Government Elections Commission gathered to hear complaints filed against the Truman Fritz and Rose Ritch ticket by Sara Khoshniyati and Camilo Daza Manga. It was alleged that they used prohibited listservs to spam message potential voters.

This was an alleged violation of section VIII.A.2 of the USG 2020 Elections Code which states:

VIII.A.2. Candidates may utilize social media tools during Campaign Period Part I. This includes, but is not limited to: Facebook, Twitter, web pages, and other non-physical, digital forms of communication. Mass messaging via departmental listservs or university-maintained systems is prohibited; individual and group messaging through social media is allowed. Candidates and their campaign teams may not spam message other listservs or pages, which will be determined at the discretion of the Elections Commission.

After deliberation, the Elections Commission decided that a violation of this section of the Elections Code **had occurred**. The vote was unanimous.

The Elections Commission has issued the following sanctions:

1. Make public a way for recipients to inquire about how their emails were obtained.

This should include a post to the ticket's Facebook page, Instagram story or page, and campaign website under the "Talk with Us" section.

The message must be prominently displayed and visible to readers. It should state: "At the recommendation of the Elections Commission, we have been asked to provide information about how we compiled our list of emails. If you would like more information, please email us at ..."

This should be completed by 2 PM today.

2. Loss of in-person campaigning for the remainder of the voting period by the ticket and their immediate campaign team.

This includes, but is not limited to:

- Campaigning on Trousdale
- Handing out physical materials
- Wearing campaign materials
- Talking to potential voters, in person, about the campaign
- Presenting to organizations or groups about the campaign

This will begin at 12 PM today.