

ASCSU Elections Incident Witness Statement

Witness Name: Nick Bohn Cell Phone: 7203843202

Date of Incident: 4/5/19 Time of Incident: 3:00pm

Description of Location of Incident: Amundson D&E Report

Statement:

Upon reviewing the Amundson Farias donations and expenses report I found several irregularities that need to be addressed. According to Article VIII B “All campaign materials. . . must be reported and counted towards total expenses on the donation and expenditure report.” I will apply this rule to their D&E report and find 8 errors that I would like to report.

1. Looking at item 11 on their D&E report, they report a “Wooden Painted design block +Paint” for a cost of \$19.92, which is broken down to \$5.97 for the wooden block and \$13.95 for paint. On the website that they provided as their Fair Market Value, the paint is available from Etsy for \$13.95 for one 8 oz bottle, of a single color. Upon reviewing their sign, pictures are provided, there are four colors on it, white, black, red, and blue. According to Article VIII section C of the elections code, Illegitimate invoices are a major violation and because they did not report the proper amount they should be charged a major violation, as well as the additional cost of the paint they purchased.
2. Number 10 on their report has a red table cloth at \$4.14. Upon further investigation, from the website they provided, the ‘white’ table cloth is \$4.14, but the red table cloth is actually \$6.87. This is an illegitimate price and a major violation.
3. At number 5 on their report, they list ‘Bandanas for Dogs’, with the note “\$3.99 each, 5 bandanas homemade by Emily Baller”. They list the source of their FMV as ‘4imprint.com’. Upon further investigation, 4imprint.com is a wholesale material company, and does not allow for purchases under 144 units. For this reason, listing 5 bandanas at \$3.99 each is a fraudulent statement because that would be a per unit cost when a bulk purchase was made. This would not be the price if someone went out and bought 5 bandanas and therefore should be considered a major violation.
4. Line 4 of their report lists a ‘Campaign Tent’ for \$9.20 with the note ‘Amoritized with a 10 year useful life, 13 days of use + a warranty of \$9.00 Donated by Mark Amundson’.

To amortize the cost of a campaign tent is not representative of the fair market value that a campaign would have to pay to buy one. They also list this price with a ‘\$9.00 warranty’ making the actual cost of the tent \$.20. Amortization has never been allowed for campaigns and \$9.20 is not representative of the FMV for this item, even if one was only rented for 13 days. This should be considered a major violation and they should be made to report a more realistic FMV for the item.

5. Moving to the Donations section of the report, they have 4 donations listed, totaling \$176.90. They have reported expenses of \$329.43. This leaves \$152.53 of reported expenses that do not have any source of funding listed. They have a note on their report that states “All campaign materials are either donated or free”. This means that they have illegally reported their donations and violated the elections code.
6. Additionally, there are some things that have been seen in their campaigning that are not on their report. There are photos, that I will provide, with candy, specifically ‘dum dums’ on their table. No candy has been reported on their D&E report. The photo is prior to the deadline for D&E submission and should have been recorded. This constitutes a violation.
7. Also, they do not report any paint brushes, that would have presumably been used to paint the wooden block and the dog bandanas. This is a clear violation as if they were used they should have been included on the report.
8. Another item not reported on their D&E report is the metal stand that they set the wooden sign on. This item has monetary value and was left off of the report, so is therefore another violation.

With this many false statements I would argue that this campaign has broken the ASCSU Code of Ethics Article 1, section D, subsection 4, stating “Officials shall not provide false information to any students, faculty, other ASCSU Officials, any member of the press, or any other sources”. They have demonstrated a propensity to provide false information, and have provided that information to the Elections manager, an ASCSU Official, as well as the students of CSU. According to the elections code Article IX, section A, this should be considered a major violation.

I will provide photo evidence of all violations in an additional document.

Other Witnesses (if any):

Witness Name: Christopher Jewell Cell Phone: 303-870-6127

Witness Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____

I, Nicholas Bohn, do solemnly swear that the above description of this incident is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that I may be called to testify before the ASCSU Elections Committee about the above incident. Further, I acknowledge that any false information stated above may subject me to disciplinary action according to the rules set forth in the ASCSU Code of Ethics, or through the Colorado State University Office of Conflict Resolution and Student Conduct Services.

Signed: Nicholas Charles Bohn Date: 4/2/19

Date and time statement was received by the Elections Official: _____

Signature of Elections Official: _____ Position: _____