

Date: 7 April 2021

To: Alexa Chong  
Tyler Brown

From: Bruce Lewenstein, Chair  
Committee for Campus-Constituency-Elected Trustees

Re: Challenge dated 4 April 2021

The CCCET met today in closed session to consider the challenge presented by Tyler Brown against Alexa Chong in the 2021 Undergraduate Student-Elected Trustee election. The challenge alleged that Ms. Chong had engaged in campaign activities prior to the formal beginning of the campaign period, specifically by sending a message to a group of students (not a formal student organization) seeking to set up a meeting to discuss campus issues.

The CCCET voted unanimously NOT to sustain the challenge. The CCCET judged that Ms. Chong had appropriately qualified her message (indicating that she was not yet a candidate), and that she had not presented any campaign information. They also noted that even if one believed that a violation occurred, it did not meet the standard of being "serious enough to have potentially altered the result of the election."

However, the CCCET also recognized ambiguities about what constitutes "campaigning." For example, members of the CCCET noted that current and former student trustees have encouraged candidates and potential candidates to build relationships with student groups. The CCCET is committed to revising its documents for future elections to help resolve this and other ambiguities.

Thank you for your interest in the Undergraduate Student-Elected Trustee election.