

Date: 6 November 2020

To: Ansumana Bangura

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

cc: Afua Asantewaa
Members of CCCET

Re: Challenge in 2020 Student-Elected Trustee election

The Committee for Campus-Constituency-Elected Trustees met via e-mail to consider the Challenge you submitted against Afua Asantewaa in the current Student-Elected Trustee election.

The CCCET considered the materials you submitted, as well as a response submitted by Ms. Asantewaa. In the response, Ms. Asantewaa described her use of email and the context of her providing of information about ranked voting.

The CCCET assessed whether the actions described in the Challenge violated Sections V.9 and V.10 of the procedures “Student- and Employee-Elected Trustee Procedures for 2019-20.”

The CCCET rejected the Challenge by a 6-1 vote of the members voting. The members of the CCCET said that the actions did not use peer-to-peer transmission protocols as described in Section V.10. In addition, they interpreted Section V.9 as allowing e-mail messages of the type described in the Challenge. They also did not find the information about ranked voting to be seriously misleading.

The CCCET did recognize that there are ambiguities in the wording of rules about use of e-mail, peer-to-peer technologies, and some of the procedures associated with electronic campaigning. In addition, they are aware of concerns about how ranked voting is described. The CCCET committed to clarifying those issues for future elections.

Thank you for your commitment to the integrity of Cornell’s shared governance system.