

Date: 3 October 2022

To: Isaac Belenkiy

From: Professor Abby Cohn  
Chair, Committee for Campus-Constituency-Elected Trustees

cc: Alexis Miller  
Members of CCCET

Re: Challenge in 2022 Graduate/Professional Student-Elected Trustee election

The Committee for Campus-Constituency-Elected Trustees met today to consider the Challenge you submitted against Alexis Miller in the current Graduate/Professional Student-Elected Trustee election.

The CCCET considered the materials you submitted, as well as a response submitted by Ms. Miller. In the response, Ms. Miller rejects your interpretation that offering students a chance to win a \$25 gift card for submitting comments creates a coercive environment and is “vote buying”.

The CCCET assessed the challenge against the standard stated in Section VIII.8 of the “Student- and Employee-Elected Trustee Procedure, amended May 26, 2022”: whether there had been “a violation of the rules set forth in these Procedures serious enough to have potentially altered the result of the election.”

The CCCET found by a vote of 6-1 of 7 members present that the actions described in the Challenge did not constitute a violation of the Procedures as they are currently written. Therefore, the Challenge is denied.

The voting members of the CCCET recognize that offering a monetary reward for any level of participation in the election process may be viewed as problematic. Therefore, the CCCET plans to revisit this issue when it next reviews the Procedures.

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