

Date: 19 October 2020

To: Emily Levin

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

cc: Vince Hartman  
Members of CCCET

Re: Challenge in 2020 Student-Elected Trustee election

The Committee for Campus-Constituency-Elected Trustees met today to consider the Challenge you submitted against Vince Hartman in the current Student-Elected Trustee election.

The CCCET considered the materials you submitted, as well as a response submitted by Mr. Hartman. In the response, Mr. Hartman acknowledged some of the actions you described, explained some of the context, and apologized for not fully following specific campaign procedures.

The CCCET assessed the challenge against the standard stated in Section VIII.6 of the “Student- and Employee-Elected Trustee Procedures for 2019-20”: 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 unanimous vote of the 7 members present that the actions described in the Challenge did not meet the standard of potentially altering the result of the election. Therefore, the Challenge is denied.

The CCCET did recognize that there are ambiguities in some of the procedures associated with electronic campaigning, and committed to clarifying those issues for future elections.

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