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This year, the Elections Governance Committee's process has changed in order to improve the fairness, honesty, and effectiveness of the University Students' Council (USC) elections. These changes originated from the USC and were tasked to the EGC to fully develop within the framework set out by Council. While the changes we have made may seem extreme, they are an attempt to curb the culture of rule-bending that has existed within the USC for many years. Each year attempts to bend the election rules do not equate to fair, honest or effective elections and have required us to take the necessary action to prevent this from occurring.

Reflecting on the recent Gazette article, we reviewed our policy and procedures, and we have realized that we made an error. We did not follow our procedures to include the evidence that was used in an investigation in our email communication to the candidates during the first two hearings we conducted. However, this realization has not impacted the substance of what was reviewed, nor the decision in either case. As such, our decisions will remain the same.

Since the first two hearings, we have ensured that the proper procedures have been followed and we will continue to ensure this is the case to keep our elections fair and honest election.

We apologize for this error and in an effort to ensure that the elections are fair and honest, we are publicly acknowledging and apologizing for our mistake.

Sincerely,

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