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PROMISES PUT TO VOTE

Today students have four choices for student body president — all of whom have compiled ambitious platforms. Some of their top initiatives were evaluated by UNC officials for feasibility. See the voter guide on pages 6 and 7 to learn about all of the candidates and ballot initiatives and see voting instructions.



DTH/DANIEL TURNER

Mary Cooper



DTH/CAMERON BROWN

Rick Ingram



DTH/DANIEL TURNER

Ian Lee



DTH/DANIEL TURNER

Brooklyn Stephens



DTH/BJ DWORAK

After a three-hour hearing, the Board of Elections decided not to disqualify Rick Ingram from the student body president elections.

Board keeps Ingram on SBP ballot

Decides to fine candidate \$25

BY ANDY THOMASON
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The Board of Elections voted not to disqualify student body president candidate Rick Ingram for campaigning in a “malicious and harmful” manner following a hearing Monday night.

The board instead voted to punish the junior by fining him \$25, or 10 percent of his allotted campaign funds, and handing down another punishment, the specifics of which were not available at press time. Ingram will appear on the ballot in today’s election, which closes at 10 p.m.

“The consensus of the board is that the evidence presented does not meet a clear and convincing standard of harmful and malicious actions that would warrant disqualification,” said Andrew Phillips, chairman of the board.

The \$25 fine was levied in response to an incident in which one of Ingram’s campaign managers, Billy Kluttz, solicited petition signatures in a classroom building, which is prohibited by election law. He and Ingram then reportedly attempted to persuade the witness not to tell Phillips.

The undetermined punishment was in response to an incident that involved Kluttz reportedly thanking candidate Mary Cooper sarcastically in the Pit for removing sexist language from her Facebook profile page.

Ingram said he felt vindicated by the ruling. “I’m glad to see that the board made the logical decision,” he said, adding that he “couldn’t possibly imagine how they could disqualify” him after hearing the testimony.

Ingram said he will likely appeal his punishment to the Student Supreme Court. He said the fine doesn’t force him to exceed the \$250 campaign fund limit, which would break another rule.

The decision followed a two-and-a-half-hour disqualification hearing that took on a bizarre character and served as a fitting climax for a particularly nasty campaign season.

From the very beginning, candidates and campaign members peppered each other with leading questions, fell into fits of laughter and vehemently accused each other of lying and playing politics.

Phillips moderated the proceedings, the frustration visible on his face from the meeting’s lack of order.

Cooper and candidate Ian Lee last week presented evidence — accounts of several in-person incidents — that Ingram had

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Issue 1

Tuition Dream Team

Create a Tuition and Fee Task Force to conduct a student fee audit and make tuition costs more transparent.

Hogan Medlin, student body president, already has such a team in place.

Already in place

Lower student fees

Lower fees to offset rising tuition costs.

“Getting a fee decrease through the task force, sub-committee and board, that’s a challenge.”

- **Bruce Carney**, vice chancellor and provost

Maybe

Rams Head parking

Make parking in the Rams Head deck free after 5 p.m. with OneCard access.

Randy Young, Department of Public Safety spokesman, said the plan might be infeasible based on the parking budget.

Unlikely

Carolina Calendar

Develop an online calendar that compiles student events.

“The time that it would take to create that calendar would be extraordinary but it could be done.” - **Holly Boardman**, student body vice president

Maybe

Issue 2

Expand CCI printing

Install new CCI printers in North Campus locations.

“We would have to stop doing something else or increase the budget to accommodate expansion.” - **Charles Green**, assistant vice chancellor for ITS

Unlikely

Open meetings

Post a list of student government meeting times and locations in The Daily Tar Heel each week.

“All meetings are already open ... we have to be more specific and targeted.” - **Boardman**

Already in place

Cost-based tuition

Reform tuition proposals with an emphasis on costs for individual students.

Carney said he is “not crazy about this idea,” adding that overload students can, in some cases, be cheaper for UNC.

Infeasible

Arts Advocacy

Expand the Arts Advocacy Committee to sponsor student art displays and events with CUAB.

“There’s definitely huge room for growth.” - **Boardman**

Feasible

Issue 3

Student Triage

Form “The Triage” for students to express concerns and utilize student government resources.

“With a specific vision it would be very feasible.” - **Boardman**

Feasible

Solve registration

Put old course syllabi and teacher evaluations online for students to access during registration

“It comes down to the faculty to submit syllabi.” - **Boardman**

Maybe

FixMyCampus team

Establish a student government group modeled after FixMyRoom to address student concerns.

“It would be very easy to set up ...” - **Boardman**

Feasible

Dining options

Extend weekend hours at dining halls and provide student feedback on menu options in online polls

“Opening up Lenoir is pretty expensive.” - **Scott Myers**, director of food and vending

Maybe

Santoro resigns as speaker, files suit against elections board

Plans to file second suit with BOE today

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In the latest complication to an already tumultuous campaign season, Deanna Santoro, speaker of Student Congress, resigned her post Monday and filed a lawsuit with the Student Supreme Court against the Board of Elections.

The suit challenges rulings by the board that have allowed can-

didate and current Student Body Secretary Ian Lee to run for student body president, citing misinterpreted sections of the Student Code.

“Over the past few weeks, I have witnessed the complete lack of understanding of the function of the Student Code,” Santoro wrote in an e-mail to other members of Student Congress early Monday morning.



Deanna Santoro said she needed to leave her post in order to uphold the Student Code.

“Our Code has been blatantly ignored, repeatedly violated and deliberately misinterpreted,” she added.

Santoro said she hopes the

Student Supreme Court issues an injunction to the board that prevents it from releasing the results of today’s election.

“I guess the bottom line is that if the Student Supreme Court rules in our favor there might need to be another election,” she added. “It would be in their discretion.”

The Code prohibits the speaker from speaking out against any campaign or candidate.

Santoro, who will continue as a

Granville Towers representative in Student Congress, said her decision to step down and file suit was motivated by her frustration with the board.

“I think that they’re wrong,” she said.

“I don’t want to sound rude or very polarized, but I am. I don’t believe that they’ve loosely interpreted it, I think they’ve misinterpreted it.”

The suit claims the board misinterpreted the Code, which also

prohibits the student body secretary and other officials from participating in a campaign for any elected position.

The board issued a decision in December that ruled Lee’s candidacy acceptable, citing a subsequent clause that states “the official,” when endorsing a candidate, must speak on behalf of themselves rather than student government.

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this day in black history

FEB. 8, 1971 ...

The National Guard intervenes to end days of unrest caused by racial tension in Wilmington. The “Wilmington Ten” are arrested for arson, among other charges.



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VOTE TODAY

Today is election day. Learn about the issues and meet the candidates vying to represent you before you cast your ballot.



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BLOCK AT BUZZER

A Waltiea Rolle block in the game’s final play cemented the women’s basketball team’s 62-60 victory against Duke Monday night.

Today’s weather



A-frame-toppling winds
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Wednesday’s weather



Indoor jacket weather
H 45, L 31