

OSA Election Campaign Incidents

Gilbert SUN is our NLCampus Executive from OSA National Executive Office. He has been coordinating with our OSA election campaign teams at UTS and UNSW. Both Susie LU and Sylvia HUANG are OSA Campus Executives at UNSW who report directly to Gilbert.

On 14 October 2013, Susie and her OSA election team were campaigning at our stall in front of the library from 10am to 4pm. A staff member at UNSW Security approached Susie in the afternoon to order the removal of our OSA banners and stall.

Susie reported the incident to Gilbert and then it was referred to my attention. As UNSW Security did not explain to Susie about the reason for the removal, I reported the incident directly to Mr SHANG who has been dealing directly with UNSW Management.

Mr SHANG contacted UNSW Deputy Vice-Chancellor (University Services) Neil MORRIS, who talked with Mr SHANG before on behalf of UNSW Vice-Chancellor Frederick HILMER to discuss about our OSA campus operations and Student Services and Amenities Fees (SSAF). Then Mr SHANG talked with Tara MURPHY, UNSW Security Manager to demand an explanation. Tara explained that our OSA banner had International Students SAFETYCard contents which needed prior approval, but Susie and her OSA election team could still campaign for ARC SRC election.

To protect Susie and her OSA election team from further harassment by UNSW Security, I accompanied Mr SHANG to come directly to our OSA stall in front of the library together with Gilbert late in the afternoon. Tara MURPHY approached us with 2 junior police officers: Constable Jason BUDDLE and Constable Ann Marie LAWLER from Eastern Beaches Local Area Command. The 2 junior police officers ordered the removal of our OSA banners and stall, we have been asked to leave the campus at the request of UNSW Security.

On 15 October 2013, our OSA election team stopped campaigning to wait for confirmation from UNSW Management.

On 16 October 2013, our OSA election team restarted our election campaign to distribute election flyers at our stall in front of the library from 10am to 4pm. Laura, one of our OSA election team members, was approached by UNSW Security again in the morning stating that Laura could not distribute election flyers.

Susie confirmed with ARC SRC election returning officer Philip BINNS to verify whether OSA election team members who are currently enrolled students at UNSW would be able to distribute election flyers. Philip reconfirmed that any UNSW students could campaign for OSA election team.

On 17 October 2013, our OSA election team were distributing election flyers at our stall in front of the library. Staff members at UNSW Security came and checked student IDs of our OSA election team members and our campaign had been continuously disrupted.

On 18 October 2013, our OSA election team have been distributing election flyers at our stall in front of the library again. An email was forwarded to me which was sent by Philip BINNS to Sylvia HUANG, our OSA ticket contact around 2pm.

In the email, Philip stated that UNSW Security made a complaint to him in writing about Gilbert, a non-UNSW student campaigning for OSA ticket. This is a deliberate and false allegation by UNSW Security after NLC's direct complaint to UNSW Vice-Chancellor's office. The purpose is to undermine our OSA election campaign for reasons that are still unknown to us. UNSW Security had been trying to discredit our OSA election campaign by stopping our team members from distributing election flyers, and there was no apology made to our OSA election team for repeated harassments from UNSW Security throughout the week.

On 19 October 2013, NLC made the complaint to Eastern Beaches Local Area Command and Inspector Andrew SMITH apologised to Mr SHANG for the incident at UNSW involving Constable Jason BUDDLE and Constable Ann Marie LAWLER. Currently an internal investigation is under way for the incidents at UNSW by Eastern Beaches LAC. Our NLC National Executive Mr PAN Wayne has referred this case to our NLCommunity legal counsel for follow-up.

On 22 October 2013, NLC raised the incidents at UNSW with Adam WHYTE, Chief of Staff to NSW Police Commissioner Andrew SCIPIONE. Eastern Beaches Local Area Commander Gavin DANGATE called Mr SHANG to confirm NSW Police's support of the SAFETYCard program. Commander DANGATE was appointed as International Student Safety Officer at NLC's request last year after the Chinese Student attack on Sydney Train. Commander DANGATE will clarify NSW Police's support of the SAFETYCard program to UNSW Management himself and a meeting has been confirmed with NLC, together with our OSA Executives at UNSW on Thursday, 31 October 2013.

Our position is clear: if the proper reasons are not given to us by UNSW Management, we will report to Department of Tertiary Education for the breach of the Student Services, Amenities, Representation and Advocacy Guidelines under Higher Education Support Act 2003 which is the principle legislation to safeguard student representation at Higher Education Providers. Further actions will be taken to present the incidents to NSW Ombudsman's Office for formal investigation and possible legal action against UNSW Security.

Our International Students contribute \$400 millions annually to UNSW just on tuition fees alone, it's time for our 13,269 International Students to show our collective power. We can say NO to discrimination and unfair treatment!

Please look into the background information that I provided. Enclosed please find the Student Services, Amenities, Representation and Advocacy Guidelines attached for your

reference.