

Complaint Against the Student Vision Party

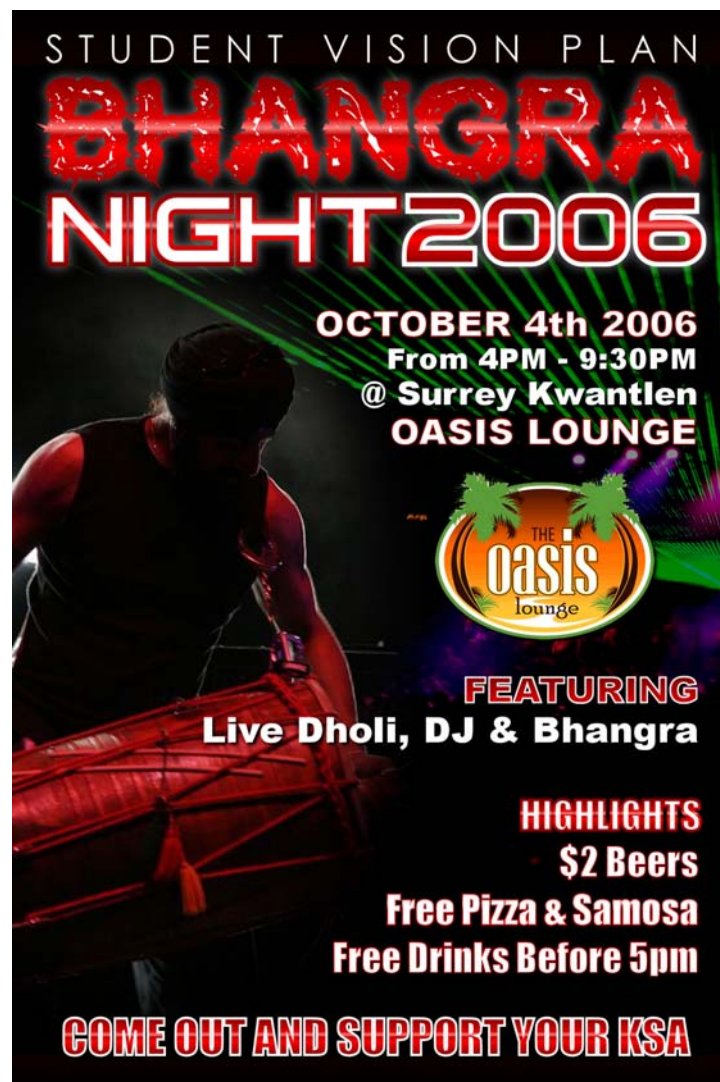
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Date of submission: Oct. 18, 2006

Violation: Using KSA resources to campaign in the election, Section X Article 5(5).

1. An event was hosted by the KSA on October 04, 2006. This event was promoted as “Bhangra Night 2006” and held between the hours of 1600 Hrs to 2100 Hrs at the Kwantlen Surrey Oasis Lounge. A digital graphic of the event poster is posted below (obtained at the kusa website <http://kusa.ca/index.php?pid=104> found on Oct 18, 2006, at 0145 Hrs):



This exact poster was fully replicated in colour and printed on letter (8.5"x11") and poster (8.5"x22) sized sheets. These were distributed across all campuses approximately two weeks prior to the event. Below are two particular pictures where the event was heavily promoted by the KSA.



Glassboard near the Surrey KSA office. (Photo by Johnny Woo, 2006-Sep-29)



Posters posted behind glass at the front of Surrey KSA office. (Photo by Johnny Woo, 2006-Sep-29)



Front (entrance) of KSA Surrey office.



Side hallway (Photo by Johnny Woo, 2006-Sep-29)

2. Johnny Woo and Laura Anderson were present at a council meeting held on September 29, 2006. This Bhangra event was discussed at the meeting. An assurance was given by Stafford Richter and Danish Butt (both of whom are directors at the time), that the event would cost no more than \$1,000 from the KSA budget (mostly to cover the cost of food and drinks). The entertainers were friendly invitees and would entertain the crowd for free, thus saving some money. There was no indication by the organizers (Butt and Richter) that the Student Vision Plan was involved. It was a pure KSA ‘fun’ event as the organizers discussed.
3. Sean Tutt and Erin Kandola were in attendance of this event held on October 04, 2006. They witnessed speakers who worked for the KSA, including Danish Butt, Javain Khatri, and Aaron Takhar, taking turns at a microphone, speaking to the attendees in the Lounge. They all uttered along the lines of “if you want more cool events such as these, you need to vote for us, the new Student Vision Plan, in the upcoming election!”. In addition, each of them while serving students drinks and food, promoted the Student Vision Plan.
4. On the above graphic and the printed identical posters, the “Student Vision Plan” is clearly visible on top of the title of the event. In addition, this event was held specifically in the KSA owned Oasis Lounge in the G-building of the College. At the bottom of the ad, it encourages readers to “COME OUT AND SUPPORT YOUR KSA”.
5. The SVP rode on the publicity wave generated by this event (and they subsequently used this event to further promote the party in the current election). *Bhangra* used KSA funding to promote it. An amount of \$1,000 was released from the events budget, approved and voted by a majority at the September 29 meeting, to pay for this event. KSA budget was also used to create the advertising of the colour posters. Finally, members of the court-appointed directors, most of whom are friendly to the SVP, used the event to actively and directly promote the SVP party and asked the student audience to vote for them in the upcoming student election. They promised that if the SVP are elected, more events such as *Bhangra* will be held, along with give-away of free food and sales of cheap alcoholic drinks.
6. Butt, Richter, and other SVP members, have directly profited from this event in terms of public relations. This particular gain by the SVP had a specific cost burdened by the general membership of the KSA. This is a conflict of interest whereby the organizers, and as directors of the KSA, had a duty to disclose all of its intentions, potential conflicts and violation of ethics to its membership. This lack of disclosure is also a significant violation of the election rules, specifically, Section X Article 5(5).
7. Based on this violation, along with many others, we hereby ask the CRO to disqualify the SVP from this election.

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Witness
Candidate for Surrey Campus Director

Erin Kandola
Witness
Member-at-Large

Johnny Woo
Witness
Candidate for Richmond Campus Rep.

Laura Anderson
Witness
Candidate for Director of Ext. Affairs