

## RESPONSE TO COMPLAINT 3A

Date: April 17, 2005

To Whom It May Concern:

Aahhhh... once again the RAF Party has to defend itself against stupid baseless complaints. The process has become both tedious and tiresome, so kindly understand if this complaint is brief and to the point.

- 1) The only reason the CRO is looking at the complaint is because it was submitted on time but never reached him. The complaint was submitted late, and this can be easily proven. If this complaint was indeed submitted on the date alleged by Progressive (Feb 23), then why would Progressive fail to mention the fact that this type of behavior was apparently witnessed (previously) on Feb 21 to strengthen their argument of complaint #31? In complaint #31 (as posted and numbered online by the CRO) which contained, as far as they are concerned, photographic evidence showing a person they claim to be associated with RAF in some unknown way, ripping down a poster. Nowhere in complaint #31 did progressive state that posters had been systematically ripped down by some group/individual after they apparently experienced this **previously** on Feb 21? Kind of an important point to mention but was absent in complaint #31? Serious questions need to be asked by the CRO. *On this point alone the complaint is not valid*
- 2) Why was the absence of this complaint not noticed once all the complaints had been posted online for everyone to see? *Not a day after or a week after or even a month after?* Where did this mysterious complaint come from? If such serious allegation made by RAF had not been ruled on or did not appear online, we would have reported it right away. The complaint is either not important, baseless, or submitted very recently and not on the date alleged. *On this point alone the complaint is not valid.* It is absurd to consider such a complaint, but even so, if the CRO still wishes to, for some reason, pursue an investigation into the matter, then here goes:

The destruction of Progressive posters is uncalled for and inappropriate and RAF does not condone such behavior and we assume neither do the CSI Party or any independent candidates.

As stated in complaint #31 (with photographic evidence), why can't Jeff Nelson (who took the picture), simply point out which member of RAF allegedly ripped down his party poster? If a member of Progressive was seen ripping down a RAF poster it would be a natural reaction to inform the individual about what they had been caught doing and it would be even easier to point out that individual for the CRO to question. The fact remains that there is no evidence pointing the finger at RAF because the complaint is baseless, and the CRO had already ruled on it (complaint #31). *On this point alone the complaint is not valid*

**a)**

As far as this new complaint goes, Progressive alleges that the “remains” of their poster were found and that “all students” who were present in the lounge area when they arrived at the scene confirmed that they saw the destruction.

RAF **challenges** the Progressive Party via the CRO and his investigation into this matter, to provide the “remains” of the poster and to bring forward “all students” who were key witnesses to the apparent destruction. If so many saw the destruction, it would have been appropriate for Progressive to collect names, signatures and student numbers from “all” the people present at the time in the lounge area. If this cannot be shown to RAF, it is clear that the complaint is baseless. *On this point alone the complaint is not valid*

**b)**

RAF requests to know *exactly* where in building D this alleged destruction occurred and to show us where the poster was originally placed (Meagan Newell needed to confirm this as stated in the progressive complaint)

**c)**

**Progressive claims that:**

“Whereas members of the RAF Party have openly claimed that their supporters and members have destroyed campaign material of opposing parties in both past and current elections”

“Whereas RAF supporters have already openly boasted to Progressive party supporters and member-candidates about the repeated destruction of Progressive materials without consequence from the CRO”

These quotes from Progressive are grounds for legal action. **How dare** Progressive allege such conduct without naming a single individual. To label entire group in such a way is rude, offensive, stereotypical, and systematically against everything Kwantlen University College stands for!

RAF is extremely offended and does not want any part of the Progressive Party’s attempt at sabotaging this election. We **challenge**, yes that’s right, we **challenge** the Progressive Party to come before the CRO and point out ANY single individual and state what they may have said.

Just because a poster was ripped down (even this has not been proven yet) does not mean that it automatically, without any proof, must be RAF! Such allegation take us all the way back to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Without any evidence, this complaint can only be rendered stupid, ridiculous, frivolous, nonsense and a complete waste of time.

**If there is any evidence, not hearsay, then we wish to sit with the CRO and members of Progressive who witnessed such actions on the part of RAF or any of its supporters and we will suffer the appropriate consequences. UNTIL THEN, PROVE IT!** *On this point alone the complaint is not valid*

**d)**

Such comments are offensive and inappropriate at a university level. The RAF Party clearly denies all areas of this complaint and is obviously deeply **offended**. Our members take the utmost pride in conducting themselves in a respectful, courteous and professional manner. We can do nothing other than take offence at such ridiculous allegation that are based on nothing whatsoever.

If the CRO wishes to persue this matter then RAF Campaign manager Aaron Takhar can be contacted via telephone @ 604-537-1503 to jump start the investigation.

Thank You,

Sincerely,

RAF Party