

April 2, 2012

FROM: Donald Garrett (804-349-8553)

TO: The Elections and Disputes Commission

RE: Spring 2012 Election Grievance

Good Morning!

There is no standard form for submitting grievances pursuant to 4CSG § 2.203. Please accept the attached grievance for consideration in the Disputes Board. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I respectfully request a hearing on the grievance.

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Enclosures

Donald Garrett  
(on behalf of the hundreds of  
disenfranchised GMU students)

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The Elections and Disputes  
Commission

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### **Grievance Questioning the Constitutionality of the Spring 2012 Election**

I, Donald Garrett, behalf of the hundreds of disenfranchised students of George Mason University, hereby petition the Elections and Disputes Commission for a new Senate election. Pursuant to 4CSG § 2.203, I request a hearing on the constitutionality of the Spring 2012 Election.

#### **Background**

Article IV, Section 3 of the Student Body Constitution requires the Elections and Disputes Commission to “provide oversight of elections to ensure compliance with election rules and procedures.”

#### **Code of Student Governance Violation**

6 CSG §213 states:

##### **“§ 213 Requirements**

- (1) The Commission shall take all necessary steps to ensure that a website to provide for electronic voting will be utilized. The Commission shall ensure that the website is in proper working order.
- (2) Publicize, to the satisfaction of the Student Senate, all relevant information to the conduct of the Student Government elections.”

The Elections and Disputes Commission failed to “ensure that the website is proper working order.” On April 2, 2012 starting at 12:15am, the students of George Mason University were NOT able to vote for their choices for Student Senate. At the time of the filing of this grievance, the issue remains unresolved.

Mason Students do not wish to be disenfranchised through our democratic process. The ballot so far still allows for students to vote for an Executive Ticket. I respectfully request that the current ballot remain until 12:15am on April 4, 2012. However, I do also request that there be a new election for the 33<sup>rd</sup> Student Senate with a new candidacy period, a new ballot, and a new election.

The solution in the above paragraph does the least to disturb the election process. I request a hearing on the matter so the students of George Mason University can have a fair election process.

Yours truly,

Donald Garrett