

INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigator Name	Roger Weston	Report Date	19/02/2021
Investigation Start Date	19/02/2021	Investigation End Date	19/02/2021
Candidate subject to investigation	James Flynn		

Evidence Review

List any potential evidence gathered during evidence review. Note the type of evidence and describe the surrounding circumstances of the occurrence.

Time	Type of Evidence	Description
10/02/2021 13:02	DRO Ruling	DRO announced on Rulings Page that posting on University-owned social media platforms would not be permitted. - DRO emailed all candidates to inform them that the Rulings Page was live and contained announcements regarding the election.
18/02/2021 17:22	Email	Original Complaint
18/02/2021 17:22	Image	Appendix 1- Image received as part of Original Complaint

Summary & Recommendations

Please summarize your thoughts on this investigation and note your suggestions for follow-up or resolution of this case.

A complaint was received regarding a post on the UoN 2020 Students group on Facebook made by James Flynn. The DRO announced this rule on 10th February via the Rulings Page and made candidates aware of that page via an email to candidates.

Appendix 1 shows an image of the post on the page.


Decision


There has been a clear breach of the “no campaigning on university-owned social media pages” rule. As a result, the following sanctions will apply:

- James will be banned from all forms of campaigning for 24 hours, beginning at 00:00 on 20th February and ending at 23:59 on 21st February. This includes:
 - Face-to-face campaigning
 - Any new posts on social media
 - Responding to any queries regarding their campaign
 - Any other activity which may be reasonably considered campaigning activity.
- James is to be issued with a written warning with regards their campaigning conduct.

APPENDIX 1


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 **James Flynn** shared his first post. ⋮
👤 New member · 2 h · 🗨️

Voting next week?
Here is my manifesto for SU President. Nothing too flashy. For more on my campaign, follow my page :)
<https://www.facebook.com/jamesforSUpresident>

James Flynn for SU President



My name is **James Flynn**, and I am running for SU President for 2021-2022. I am a mature student studying for an MBA, with 3 years education experience. This is why I am running:

COVID-19 still persists. At a time when the union may have its most demand, the doors to the Engine Shed have been closed for months. The **visibility** and **efficiency** of the Union's services have taken a huge hit during this pandemic. More than just a newsletter, we need to know that the Union is still here.

With the closing of physical drop ins, there **needs to be improvement** in how the Union interacts online. More frequent, more meaningful. Facebook is not enough. We need to **widen our international and online reach** to offer what we can to every student that needs support or wants to improve themselves.

University is a **launchpad to a better life**. The Union should be there to make sure **every** student gets this chance. My experience, degree and background will help make this a reality.

With this, I propose 5 promises for my manifesto:


- Increase visibility** of Student's Union online, doubling engagement on social media by December 2021.
- Widen the scope of the Union by **forming alliances** with other UK university unions.
- Transparency** on how the Union supports and forges you, posting a monthly behind the scenes update on the SU.
- Push to fulfill the Part A Criteria for **NUS Quality Students Union** by the end of June 2022.
- Continue to foster a **supportive, friendly and international** environment at the University of Northampton, during and after COVID-19.

We do not know how this next year will be. But, with time and effort, things **will be better**.

Keep on Moving.

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