



Cornell University

Committee for Campus-Constituency-Elected Trustees

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Graduate & Professional Student-Elected Trustee Election

Fall 2020 (reactivation) Challenge Form

Candidate Name: Vince Hartman	NetID: Vch6
Challenger Name: Emily Levin	NetID: Eml227

Instructions

Please attach a typewritten document that includes the reason(s) for your challenge. Identify any facts related to the election rules you identified above and explain how you believe the violation has altered the fairness of the election. You may submit digital evidence (such as photographs) to assembly@cornell.edu after submitting this form. We do not accept hand-written attachments. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, this form must be turned in to the Office of the Assemblies via email at assembly@cornell.edu by the challenger by **Wednesday, November 4th, 2020 @ 4:00pm**.

Certification

I, the filer of this challenge, attest by my signature below that the information I have provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge under penalty of disciplinary referral to the Judicial Administrator. I certify that I have read and understand the election rules, available on the elections webpage, and I acknowledge in particular my confidentiality obligations as a party to this challenge, reprinted here:

"Members of the committee and parties to a challenge may not share the contents of challenges, evidence, or decisions submitted to or received from the committee, except when explicitly permitted by these rules or by the committee. Unauthorized disclosure of confidential information may result in a disciplinary referral."

Signature of Challenger: _____

Date _____

10/15/20

October 15, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

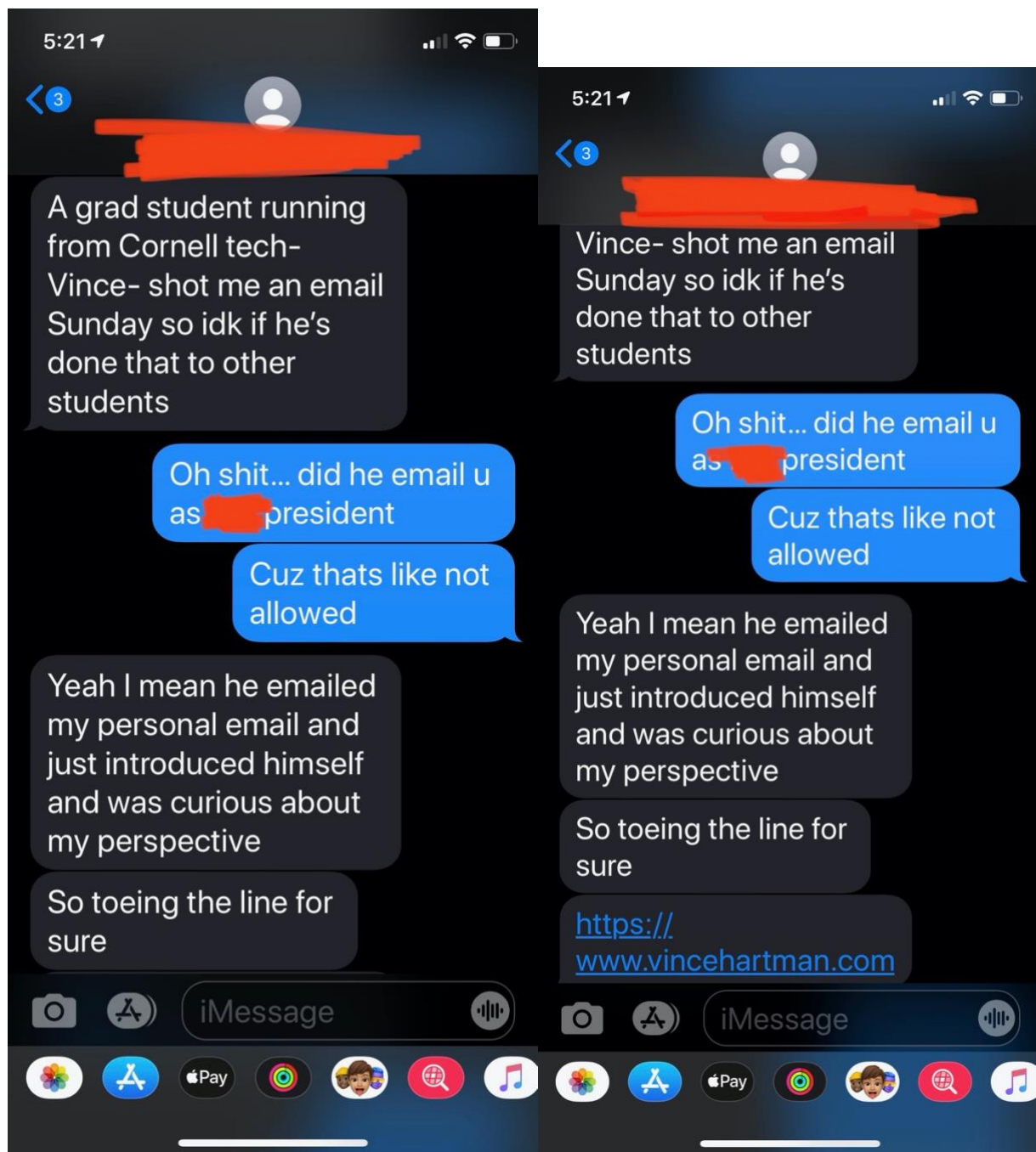
My name is Emily Levin and I am a current senior in CALS. Earlier this week, I came across a campaign website for one of the candidates for graduate/professional student elected trustee. This candidate is Vince Hartman, a graduate student at Cornell Tech. Vince's website, <https://vincehartman.com/>, presents facts about him as a candidate, his accomplishments at Cornell while he was an undergraduate, his candidate platform, and a link to the petition form that allowed him to run for the position. I believe that this website is in clear violation of points 4a and 4b of the Campaigning and Ethical behavior guidelines of the Student- and Employee-Elected Trustee Procedures as the candidates were told to refrain from these exact campaign procedures, namely disseminating electronic campaign materials, advertising candidacy via electronic means, and making statements about their candidacy to student organizations, until the official campaign start date which is not until tomorrow October 16th.

- 4) Until campaigning officially begins (as set forth in the Election Calendar), candidates must, and must direct their supporters to, refrain from any of the following campaign activities, including:
 - (a) disseminating printed or electronic campaign materials;
 - (b) advertising candidacy by chalk, poster, social media, electronic, or other means; and/or
 - (c) making speeches or statements about their candidacy to any press, student organizations, employee organizations, campus organizations, university departments, or classes

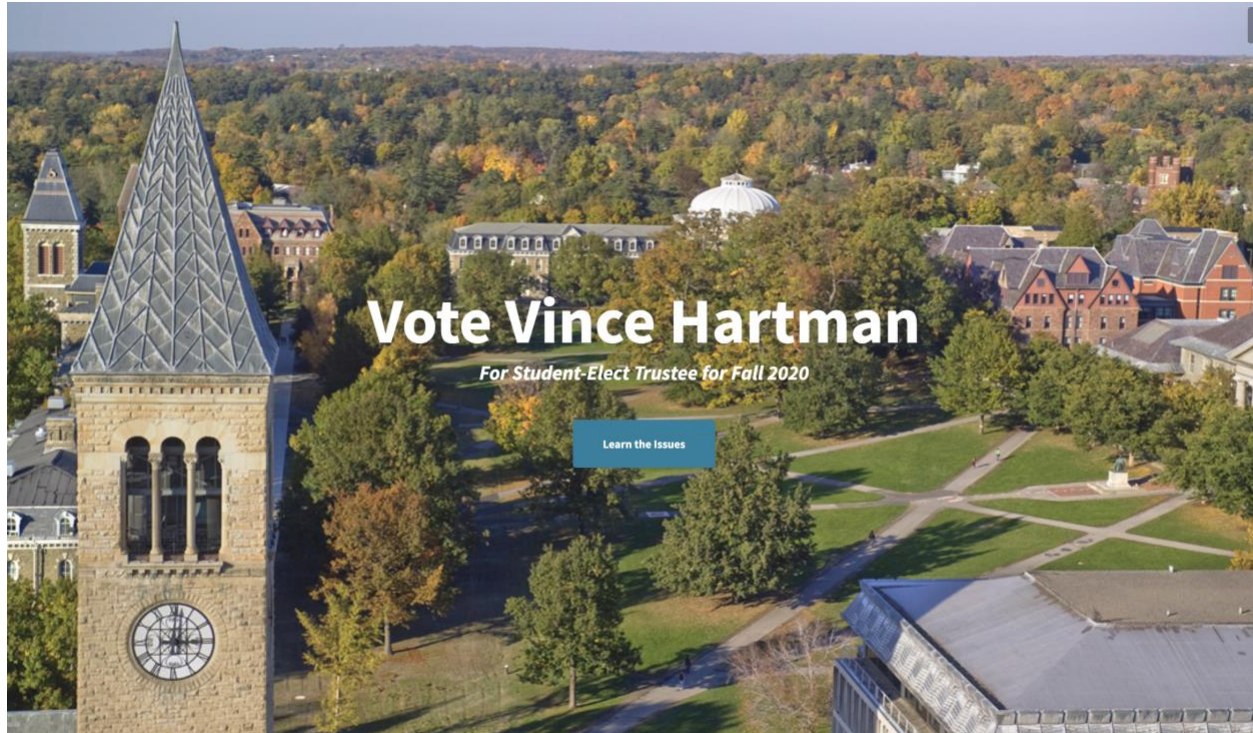
I believe this violation is unfair because this candidate presented their platforms on the internet before the other candidates. It is blatant early campaigning which is not allowed. It gives them an unfair advantage as their name will potentially be more recognizable and other candidates were not given the same opportunity. I was also told that Vince attached the link to his website as he reached out to leadership in various student organizations to inquire about their perspectives. To me, this sounds like early conversations for a potential endorsement. And again, this is not fair or equitable to other candidates.

Below I have attached screenshots of Vince's website, as well a private conversation between myself and a friend who is president of a large student org. In the text conversation, I have marked out the name of the person and the organization they are a part of for confidentiality reasons since I am making this report and not them. Also, it is in fact a private conversation and I don't want to break my friend's trust.

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Learn the Issues

Having attended Cornell University as an undergraduate, and now as a graduate student at Cornell Tech, I am deeply aware of all things Cornell. As the graduate student-elect trustee, I will focus on these issues with the board of trustees:


1. A TUITION FREEZE FOR THE 2021-2022 STUDENT CALENDAR YEAR
2. END THE PROCESS OF STUDENTS REPORTING OTHER STUDENTS IF THEY DO NOT ABIDE BY THE CORNELL COVID-19 BEHAVIORAL COMPACT
3. PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS TO STUDENTS OUTSIDE NY STATE
4. ADVOCATE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ATTEMPTS TO LIMIT VISA RENEWALS
5. EQUITABLE WORK-FROM-HOME RESOURCES FOR ALL FACULTY AND GRADUATE STUDENTS ALLOCATED IN THE UNIVERSITY BUDGET

I am running for trustee because during this unprecedented time of COVID-19, the university *can and should* do more for the student body. With classes virtual and many students unable to use the full resources of Cornell, the university should commit to a tuition freeze. For faculty and graduate students teaching and supporting virtual classes, they should be provided by the University work-from-home resources. Additionally, reporting and monitoring should be done by campus administration and not by students policing each other. We should be encouraging a CULTURE OF OPENNESS AND INCLUSION; policing each other creates an unhealthy social atmosphere on campus among fellow students. Furthermore, all students need mental health resources now more than ever with Zoom fatigue and our virtual format.


As trustee, I would specifically advocate to make the student experience as optimal as possible.

ABOUT VINCE


Some quick facts about him




Leader
Vince has worked in healthcare management for the past 8 years



Proud Cornellian
Vince has been an Alumni Admissions Ambassador for the past 5 years




Public Service
Vince spent 2 years in the Peace Corps in the Andes Mountains of Peru




Adventurous
Vince has his private pilot license and enjoys flying in the open skies

VINCE'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS


Check out what he did while at Cornell




Direct Election of Student Assembly President
I sponsored the resolution that now allows Cornell students to directly vote for the SA President and VP positions.



Deferred Loans for Public Service
I pushed the administration to defer Cornell Loans for students that do Peace Corps or Teach for America after graduation



Gender Neutral Housing
I pushed for coed housing for men and women to share housing on campus at Cornell



Ithaca to Syracuse Bus Program
I ideated and implemented the bus program for Cornell Students during fall, winter, and spring breaks

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Sign the Petition for Vince Hartman to Run

Sign Here!