

# ELECTIONS GRIEVANCE FORM

This form is being provided in accordance with Section 2, clause VI of the AS Senate Election Code. **You are strongly encouraged to try to resolve issues in a professional and calm manner before filing this form.** The AS Elections Coordinator is available to offer options, additional information, support in contacting the other party, etc. Please contact the AS Elections Coordinator at [as.elections@wwu.edu](mailto:as.elections@wwu.edu).

Complainant Name: Abdul Malik Ford

Phone number: (206) 432-2916 Email: Fordaa@wwu.edu

Signature: Malik S. Date: 5-1-2019

Grievance Filed Against (name): AS VP for Academic Affairs

Who is <sup>holding</sup> running for the position of: Levi Eckman

Specific Section of Code Violated: Section 3, IV. endorsements b1c


State the specific violation of the ASWWU Election Code. Give details of when and how the violation was discovered (may attach additional materials):

Levi shared Dayha McMillans Facebook post containing  
the statement 'A call out Built From Love' that stated that  
I'm not qualified to be AS president, that I'm homophobic,  
etc. Levi also originally posted that he trusts Dayha and  
her credibility and later removed that part from his facebook  
post. This occurred on Monday 4/29/19 at 6:24 PM

Received by Election Board Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

6. In addition to Dayjha's (A current AS Senator of Fairhaven College) personal endorsement of Lani Defiesta, other current AS Executives and AS employees publicly shared this post: Millka Solomon (The Current AS President), Anne Lee (The Current VP for Student Life) Levi Eckman (The Current VP for Academic Affairs), and Valeria Pedraza (The current Educational Programming Coordinator at the AS Queer Resource Center).


 **Millka Solomon**  
Monday at 18:23 · 🌐




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 **Levi Eckman**  
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Monday at 17:55 · 🌐




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 **Valeria Renee Pedraza**  
Monday at 22:22 · 🌐

be critical in your voting this week ! & organizing overall, center & celebrate queer & trans Black folks, do not erase their labor or invalidate experiences for heteronormative oppression & convenience ! thank you dayjha for your labor. thank you thank you thank you 🍷🍷🍷

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