

# 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: Fordaq@wwu.edu

Signature: Malik F Date: 5-1-2019

Grievance Filed Against (name): Anne Lee

~~Who is running for the position of:~~ <sup>has the current position of</sup> AS VP of Student life

Specific Section of Code Violated: Section 3, IV. Endorsements, b

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


Anne Lee posted a Facebook status, Thursday <sup>5/2/19</sup> night at 9:23 PM endorsing 4 candidates: Lani deriesty (President), Grace Dreschol (Gov) Trever Mullins (sustainability), (VP for diversity): Lisugen Battsendel.

Anne Lee also shared the statement titled 'A call out built from Love', written by DayJha McMillan, on Facebook. In this statement, There is false info. about me, and it also states that "I am not equipped nor qualified to be AS President!"

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 · 🧑

of the AS Candidate Malik, have become conflated with Lani. Why I am stressing the importance of this clarification is that it is not only homophobic but anti-black. The conflation of Lani and I is homophobic because not every person who is gay is the same. Everything that I am writing is based on my personal experience with the black community, its leaders, and the lack of commitment to naming the homophobia/transphobia in those spaces. This conflation is anti-black because this critique is rooted in blackness and is a black issue. The repeated attempts of bringing the other AS Candidate, Lani Defiesta, into this conversation is an attempt to derail this black issue with a general gay issue and that very act is anti-black. The second thing that I want to clarify is that this conversation is not a new topic within the black community at WWU. This specific conversation has been brought up time and time again and there has been no progress. This statement that I am writing is a call out built from love because I believe in us, the black community, and I am tired of trying to manage this issue privately. I am calling this issue out because I am refusing to be consistently silenced.

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 Dayjha McMillan and 9 others

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 **Anne Lee**  
Monday at 17:55 · 🧑


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Monday at 18:24 · 🧑


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

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

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7. What happened next is Anne Lee (**The current VP for Student Life**) on 5/2/2019 publicly endorsed the 4 candidates that are currently running opposed in the AS Elections. Applauding in the comments of this post are Zoe Peterson (**The current AS WIRC Educational Programming Coordinator**), Dayjha McMillan (A current AS Senator of the Fairhaven College), Soumya Ayelasomayajula (**AS Assistant Director for Club Logistics for the ESC**), and Natalie Reeder (**Child Care Assistant at WWU AS Child Development Center**) Keep in mind that this endorsement was posted shortly after the release of an opinion piece published in the Western Front. This opinion piece states: *"Do you forfeit your right to publicly share your opinion in an election when you sign your HR papers and become an AS employee? According to the code, you do."*

 **Anne Lee**  
Yesterday at 21:23 · 🧑🏻

I've been sitting on this decision for a few weeks now, and it's clear to me that this is what needs to happen, in light of the critical matters regarding the well-being of our QTPOC students, and the recently released WF article.

this is a matter of who will step up to continually challenge the oppressive structures of our institution, who will do the critical individual and collective work to push forward student needs, and who will pass the mic.


I endorse:

as president: lani defiesta  
vp for governmental affairs: grace dreschel  
vp for sustainability: trever mullins  
vp for diversity: esugen battsengel


much love,  
anne lee, asvp for student life

👍👍 You, Dayjha McMillan and 98 others      5 Comments

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 **Soumya Ayela**  
Thank you for speaking up ❤️


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 **Anne Lee**  
Yesterday at 21:23 · 🧑🏻


much love,  
anne lee, asvp for student life


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 **Zoë Peterson**  
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 **Dayjha McMillan**  
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 **Aimee Azag**  
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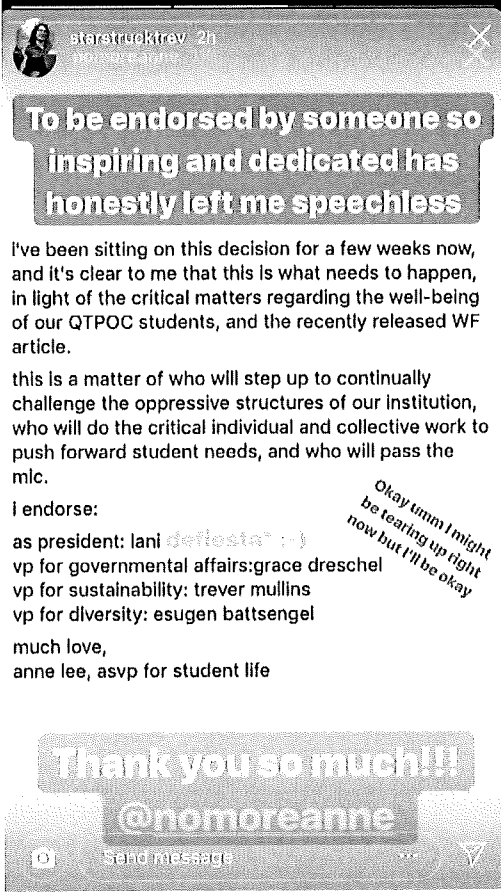
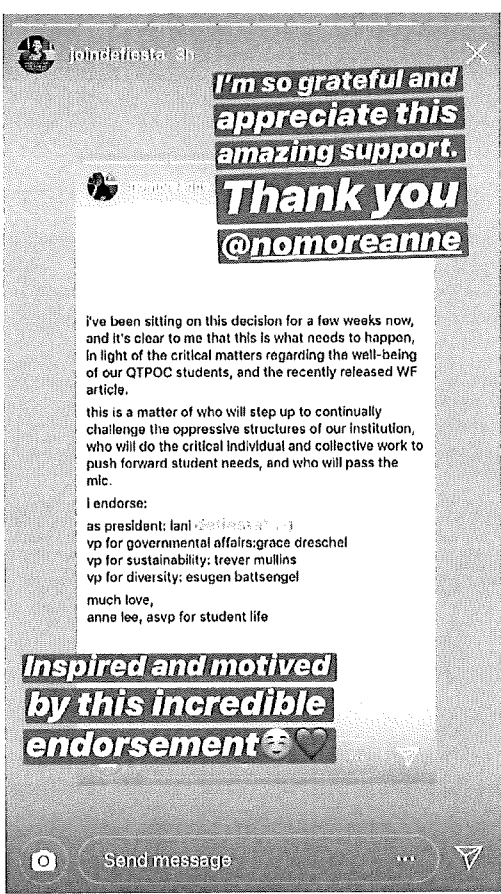
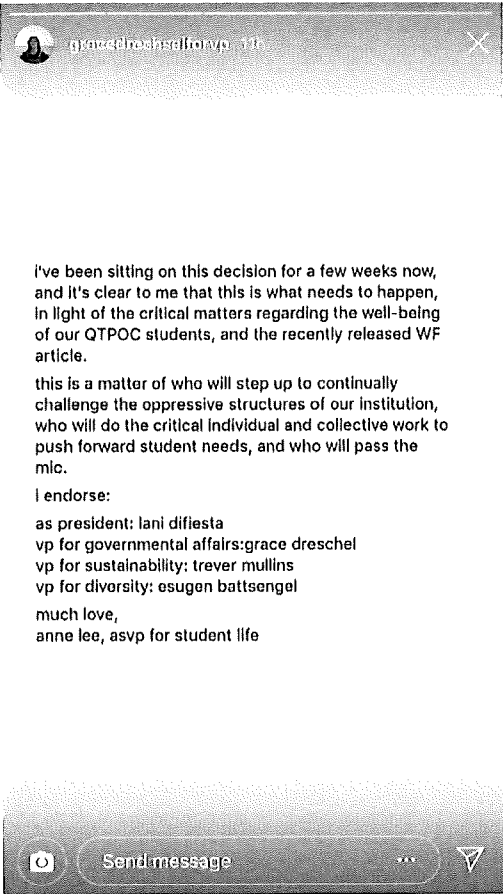
 **Soumya Ayela**  
Thank you for speaking up ❤️  
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 **Natalie Reeder**  
!!!! I support this decision!!  
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8. In addition to yet another personal endorsement from a current AS Employee, the current candidates running in the AS Election shared it on 5/2/2019 : Lani Defiesta (Candidate for AS President), Trever Mullins (Candidate for VP of Sustainability), and Grace Drechsel (Candidate for VP of Governmental Affairs).



Each and every receipt here (except the endorsement of QTPOC) is in itself, a violation of election code 'Section 3, IV Endorsements sections b and c'. In this instance, The above code cited explicitly states:

"c. Current AS employees, may not, as employees or individuals, endorse candidates.

d. AS employees may not, even as individuals, work on a campaign for or against a candidate, with the exception of their own as a filed and eligible candidate. " each post in this document breaks that very code.