

# CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER RULING

## Toronto Metropolitan Students' Union General Elections 2024

The following is a ruling of the CRO relating to the 2024 TMSU General Election.

The rules and procedures of the election are determined by the TMSU By-Laws and the Election Procedure Code, which can be found here: [yourtmsu.ca/election](http://yourtmsu.ca/election)

Ruling Code #	CRO#002
Date Received:	February 20,2024
Date of Ruling:	February 22,2024
Related Rulings	-
Type of Decision	Initial ruling
Nature of Decision	Violation of the rules
Complainant/CRO:	Complaint
Nominee/ Candidate:	Hetu Virajkumar Patel
Alleged Violation in By-laws or the Code	Section 8.3.7.2 [Unsolicited and group messages]
Relevant Penalties provided in the Code	Unsolicited campaigning [including email, phone call and social media]

### Evidence presented by the Complainant:

The complainant submitted a screenshot which shows that the nomination form of Hetu Virajkumar Patel was shared in a group chat. Sending unsolicited messages and in the group chats is not allowed. The candidate broke the rule to get nominations for candidacy.



**CRO Decision:**

The CRO has made a decision to penalize the candidate based on the evidence

CRO/ERC Decision	
Penalties Issued	10 demerit points
Deadline to Appeal	48 hours

