



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

Resolution

29th Congress of Graduate Students

Resolution #: 3

Sponsored by: Representative Hagemeyer

Date: February 15th, 2021

COGS' stance on Senate's Impeachment of the Student Body President.

Read: 2/15/2021
COGS Vote: 3-5-4

FAILED: February 15, 2021

CERTIFIED TO THE STUDENT BODY

Speaker of the Congress of Graduate Students

Deputy Speaker for Finance

2-23-2021



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Whereas: On February 9th, 2021 the 73rd Judiciary Committee deliberated on 5 charges for impeachment against Student Body President Jonathan Levin including two counts of nonfeasance, one count of misfeasance, and two counts of malfeasance

Whereas: Charges of impeachment are detailed by the following:

- “Charge 1- Nonfeasance; failing to appoint Student Body Supreme Court Justices within (6) weeks of a vacancy
- Charge 2- Misfeasance; Failing to publicly advertise or take minutes of a meeting held under the auspices of the Student Government Association
- Charge 3- Malfeasance; Disclosing of private student information to a private student
- Charge 4- Malfeasance; Willfully instructing a private student to misrepresent themselves as an SGA Officer
- Charge 5- Nonfeasance; Failure to comply with a lawful subpoena;”

Whereas: The 73rd Student Senate Judiciary Committee dismissed Charges 1, 3, and 4, while passing charges 2 and 5 to be voted on by the Senate which shall be referred to as the 1st and 2nd articles of impeachment, respectively, from here on;

Whereas: On February 10th, 2021 the 73rd Student Senate voted No on 1st articles of impeachment (charge 2) with a vote of 20:yes, 30:no, and 0: abstentions;

Whereas: The 73rd Student Senate tabled the 2nd article of impeachment to the next Student Senate meeting on February 17th;

Whereas: Student Body President Jonathan Levin’s term in office ends March of 2021;

Be it resolved by the Twenty-Ninth Congress of Graduate Students of Florida State University that: The articles of impeachment filed against Student Body President Jonathan Levin are not viewed as an effective use of the Student Senate’s time nor are they seen to contribute to the betterment of the student body;

Be it further resolved that: COGS has not, and is not, forming a judicial ruling on the matter, rather COGS is establishing their stance on the disproportionate action being taken against the Student Body President for the alleged violations;



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Be it further resolved that: Impeachment of our student leaders is a disheartening process that should be avoided when possible and only exercised if there is no other way to resolve the mistakes or actions made by the accused;

Be it further resolved that: COGS always strives to promote unity, fairness, and kindness throughout Florida State University;

Be it further resolved that: COGS applauds the hard and meaningful work the Student Senate does for all the students at Florida State University and this resolution is, by no means, an attempt to undermine the credibility of our senators, but an exercise of our right to form an opinion on University matters in the best interest of our constituents;

Be it further resolved that: copies of this resolution be sent to:
The Student Senate President, Alexander Harmon
The Senate Pro Tempore, Renee Wang
SGA Accounting Staff
Interim Director of SGA, Dr. Brandon Bowden
Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Amy Hecht.