



**73rd Student Senate
Judiciary Committee
Date: February 16th, 2021**

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Call to Order: 6:04

Members Present: Chair Little, Vice Chair Boole, Senator(s) Linsky, Daraldik, Mougey, Arutt, Murcia,

Members Tardy: Senator(s) Bergen

Members Excused Absent: Senator(s)

Members Absent: Senator(s) Rivera, Sam

Guests: Ash Soto, Jackson Hitchcock, Ryan Villacorta, Caroline Lewis, Kenneth Cagnolatti, Kelvin Ready, Rawan, Brandon Bowden, Parker Rida

Announcements:

- Chair - I hope everyone is still being safe with COVID, be conscientious. I want to remind everyone to be respectful. I want to keep with conversations about actions and not about people. Thank you for being here.
- Vice Chair - None
- Members - None
- Guests:
 - Rawan: I appreciate the chair's statements. I am referenced in the article of impeachment. I serve as the IA secretary. I speak on behalf of me and Matthew. We unequivocally oppose the claim that we were hazed. I believe the SIB . Neither of us were told that our names were to be used in the impeachment articles. If either of us had knew beforehand we would have opposed it earlier. We believe it to be unfair for our names to be invoked by the impeachment. We should be the change we want to see. Mathew doesn't say this as founder of progress or me as a cabinet member. I hope I made it clear for the record. Goodnight and I'll be here.
 - Marcus: I want to echo off of this. The third charge about the interview. I am not sure if this is worth everything thats going to happen here.
 - Janvier: Lists several leadership experiences. I have known Natasia my whole life and I cannot express enough of how I feel she is a great leader with lots of integrity.
 - Mathiu: I am here to speak on the character of SBVP. I just thought I wanted to voice my opinion on her. She didn't want to make anyone feel uncomfortable or haze anyone. She just wanted it to be an icebreaker and make people feel more comfortable in the interview.

- Brewer: I am a third year here and I am here to speak on the character of SBVP. Not a lot of people look like us on this campus especially. She puts people before herself, not as a party but as a person.
- Blocker: I just wanted to offer a couple sentiments. We are all in these positions to have our student body be the best they can be. I really want the students to have the opportunity to serve the student body. Keep the student body in mind.
- Riviera: I also want to say a piece of support for SBVP. She has done a lot of work to maintain the voices of the student body. I don't want to address the Articles of impeachment but I know all she has ever wanted to do is address the needs of the student body. Of anyone on this campus she has the best abilities to lead. I want her goo
- Edwards: I have known her since my first year. Anyone who knows her knows she does the best by the student body. Over the year I've known her she's is very loving and caring and make sure everyone is ok
- Martin: When I first came in contact with SBVP she makes every space comfortable. Keep in mind that she has made everywhere she works more comfortable. If it wasn't for SBVP it be in the position she has been in she has made the campus a better place for black and brown students
- Chis: I have known SBVP since freshman year. She has opened up so many spaces for black and brown students
- Washington: SBVP is a true inspiration to me. Even though she made a simple mistake she is still a great person. I want to put that in there thank you.

Linsky: I move to return to the order of the calendar

Mougey: Seconded

Committee Business:

- **Article of Impeachment 1** - Malfeasance; Using her position to commit an act of hazing concerning Matthew Harris's interview for the position of Secretary of Internal Affairs.
- **Article of Impeachment 2** - Malfeasance; Using her position to commit an act of hazing concerning the interview of Rawan Abhari for the position of Secretary of Internal Affairs.
- **Article of Impeachment 3** - Misfeasance; Failure to conduct a thorough candidate screening interview concerning the phone call by SBVP Janiver to Jonathan Marcus on May 19, 2020, regarding his application for Senate Arts and Sciences Seat 4.
- **Bill 10** - Sponsored by Senator Boole - Implementing instant runoff voting procedures for elections to improve voter freedom and vote integrity.

Old Business:

New Business:

Boole: Motion to unlock the calendar

Linsky: Seconded

Move back to opening announcements

- **Article of Impeachment 1** - Malfeasance; Using her position to commit an act of hazing concerning Matthew Harris's interview for the position of Secretary of Internal Affairs.
 - Opening
 - Janvier: Good evening, Thank you for your time. My name is Natasia Janvier. So, currency i serve as SBVP and I am tasked with creating a

more comfortable place for each student. As mentioned before SGA is a learning environment. The question that was asked was “describe a song that describes your current season in your life.” We asked the question to describe how you felt during that season. We may not all be able to articulate how we feel but music can help describe that. I believe that it is important to incorporate this into a professional environment to ask how you are feeling right now. Every student answered and some didn't feel comfortable signing in front of the board. Perception is key and how we experience each other. Nowhere in my intent did we want this to be seen as hazing. I want to make it clear that I want to make a space where mental health can be discussed. I want to talk about...

- Technical, non-debatable
 - None
- Deliberations
 - Daraldik: When these interviews were going on did you think that your question did you ever consider hazing to be a factor?
 - SBVP: Not at all, I think it is important to talk about mental health. I wanted to make people feel comfortable.
 - Daraldik: Have you ever felt like you have every tired to haze individuals?
 - SBVP: absolutely not. I have never interpreted what I did to be hazing
 - Daraldik: As a student on campus, I came on a trip here as a senior in HS. She welcomed me here as a muslim palinstilian studnet. She inspired me to become a SGA leader. It is sad to see this happen. For me to hear any of these three charges is crazy. She has done everything in her power to make every student feel welcome. At a meeting with SBVP she make me feel comfortable as a freshman student. She was willing to have a conversation with me, this student leader has made me feel comfortable. I urge you to vote no. Even the witness
 - Linsky: How many people applied for the positions?
 - SBVP: I don't know it was many
 - Linsky: How many decided to sing?
 - SBVP: I can't remember some people decided to sing and some decided to not to
 - Linsky: How many people who didn't sing get appointed to a position?
 - SBVP: There were people that didn't sing that were appointed.
 - Linsky: Hazing is a serious charge. It might have been uncomfortable and there is a little bit of power dynamic here. I don't think this is detrimental to the student body and I will be voting no down the line tonight.
 - **Daraldik: Move to call the question**
 - **Linsky: Seconded**
- Closing
 - None.
- VOTE
 - Result:
Y()N(Daraldik, Linsky, Mougey, Murcia, Arutt, Boole)A()
- **Article of Impeachment 2 - Malfeasance; Using her position to commit an act of hazing concerning the interview of Rawan Abhari for the position of Secretary of Internal Affairs.**
 - Opening
 - SBVP: I echo the same sentiments as last time. I wanted to make it comfortable for students to talk about mental health.

- Technical, non-debatable
 - Villacorta: In regards to testimony that you submitted to the SIB. You asked “what song...if you like?” SBP answered differently?
 - Javiner: I wanted to give context to my question but that is what came out of my dialog.
 - Villacorta: the SIB was discussed in a cabinet meeting and during that meeting there were concerns of hazing?
 - Javiner: No I don't recall that.
- Deliberations
 - Daraldik: Reiterate my feelings from the last article. I will be voting no. SBVP is a woman of color and if I saw this as a student I would be completely turned off to SGA.
 - **Daraldik: Move to call the question**
 - **Arutt: Seconded**
- Closing
 - SBVP: Waived
- VOTE
 - Result:
 - **Y(N)(Daraldik,Linsky, Mougey,Murica, Arutt, Boole)A()**
- **Article of Impeachment 3 - Misfeasance; Failure to conduct a thorough candidate screening interview concerning the phone call by SBVP Janiver to Jonathan Marcus on May 19, 2020, regarding his application for Senate Arts and Sciences Seat 4.**
 - Opening
 - Javiner: So, for context. We were given the applications and we had to verify the seats for the summer senate. We had no cabinet members and needed a summer senate. We had over 30 interviews to do within only a couple hours.
 - Technical, non-debatable
 - None
 - Deliberations
 - Linsky: Did everyone receive the same amount of time?
 - Javiner: Yes.
 - Linsky: Did anyone who refused to sing get appointed?
 - Javiner: Yes, several
 - Linsky: who was responsible for sending the email for the interview?
 - Javiner: that would be the secretary of appointments
 - Linsky: How did you all keep track of who was interviewed over the phone?
 - Javiner: there is a document that is set up that keeps notes on all the interviews
 - Linsky: I don't share the other feelings that this is frivolous. There is nothing that says that comes this we need to work together and it takes away the purpose of why we are here today
 - Boole: something idk
 - **Linsky: I move to call the question**
 - **Daraldik: Objection**
 - **Linsky: Withdrawn**
 - Daraldik: Is there anything you would like to add?
 - Javiner: I think as student leaders we try to do what is best for the student body. Nowhere in my intent did I want to harm anyone. The way my

- name has been dragged through the mud and accusing me is ridiculous. I carry my identity proudly and I have to explain myself.
- **Daraldik: I move to call the question**
 - **Linsky: Seconded**
 - Closing
 - Javiner: I have respect for you all. Thank you for your time and I look forward to working with you.
 - VOTE
 - **Result: Y(N(Linsky, Mougey, Murcia, Arutt, Daraldik, Boole, Bergen)A()**
 - **Bill 10** - Sponsored by Senator Boole - Implementing instant runoff voting procedures for elections to improve voter freedom and vote integrity.
 - Opening
 - Boole: Explains what bill is and how voting is improved
 - Technical, non-debatable
 - Linsky: Is this also called ranked choice voting?
 - Boole: yes
 - Roundtable
 - Villacorta: Big fan to ranked voting it helps make sure
 - Daraldik: Congrats to senator Boole on his first piece of legislation
 - Linsky: I think that this could bring lots of complications for the supervisor of elections.
 - Mougey: Have you talked to the Supervisor of elections or to any advisors?
 - Boole: No.
 - Linsky: The elections commission doesn't tally the votes. That is the supervisor of elections.
 - Villacorta: I have some legislation coming that addresses the issues they had last year with senators going in the wrong seats.
 - Linsky: The problem isn't with the
 - Mougey: I will be voting no against this
 - Linsky: Who do you think we should reach out to?
 - Mougey: The advisors and the current SOE
 - Linsky: I don't want to vote no so I think tabling is a good option
 - **Linsky: Move to let a non committee member speak**
 - **Mougey: Seconded**
 - Rawan: I know from being the former SOE that this is doable. The issue is not with the statutes it is with the people in elections. I know that how we tally the votes it could be done this way it just would need more time.
 - Mougey: I had a couple points. Definitely I didn't want to have the SOE implement this in two weeks. When I first got to senate I was told that you have to reachout to many groups that it affects. And I would be in favor of tabling rather than voting no.
 - **Mougey: I move to table**
 - **Linsky: Seconded**

Unfinished Business:

Committee Legislative Round Table:

Linsky: Move to enter Legislative round table

Boole: Seconded

Little: When do you want to meet next?

Daraldik: I want to meet on Mondays but I can still meet on these days but it is hard.

Little: I can't do any earlier than 6 on Tuesdays talks further about 4 pm meetings.

Boole: Move to exit round table

Linksy: Seconded

Final Announcements:

- Chair: Thanks for coming out. I will try to get things hammered out. None of you are bad people for listening to the stuff tonight. Don't be afraid to stand up for yourself. Don't let anyone make you feel bad for being a part of this process.
- Vice Chair: None
- Members:
 - Mougey: Sorry for messing up the motions tonight
- Guests: None

Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Adjourned: 7:56 pm

Gabrielle Little

Signature of Chair