



Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada

90th Session, 2022-2023

A BINDING RESOLUTION TO CENSURE SENATOR KERMANSHAHI

Resolution Number: 61

Authored By: Speaker Thompson

Sponsored By: 2022-2023 Student Government Assembly

Whereas, Senate Rule II.F.1 states: “The Committee on Oversight shall conduct a hearing on the senator’s attendance on the 5th accumulated point (refer to Rule II, (f), 4, (i-v)) in which the senator shall be afforded an opportunity to present either oral or written testimony defending or admitting to his, her, or their absences. The committee shall determine if the absences merit the imposition of disciplinary action against the senator. During the hearing, the Committee on Oversight has the authority to excuse or dismiss points compiled against a senator if there is reasonable explanation.”;

Whereas, Senate Rule II.F.3 states: “Upon verifying the fifth accumulated attendance point, the Committee on Oversight shall recommend a censure of the offending senator. Any senator’s first censure shall include, at minimum, a recommendation that the senator in question release a public statement or apology to the Nevada Sagebrush. Additional punitive action, which may include expulsion from the Senate, will be recommended upon the accumulation of additional points.”;

Whereas, Senate Rule II.F.5.iii states: “Three instances of unexcused tardiness at committee meetings shall be equivalent to one point (1/3 point for every instance)”;

Whereas, Senate Rule II.F.5.v states: “An unexcused absence from a meeting of the Senate of the Associated Students shall be equivalent to two points.”;

Whereas, Senator Kermanshahi was marked tardy unexcused from the Committee on Budget and Finance on May 13th, 2022;

Whereas, Senator Kermanshahi was marked absent unexcused from the Senate of the Associated Students on June 22nd, 2022;

Whereas, Senator Kermanshahi was marked absent unexcused from the Senate of the Associated Students on July 20th, 2022;

Whereas, Senator Kermanshahi was marked absent unexcused from the Senate of the Associated Students on August 3rd, 2022;

Whereas, Senator Kermanshahi was marked absent unexcused from the Senate of the Associated Students on August 17th, 2022;

Whereas, the Senate of the Associated Students censured Senator Kermanshahi on September 28th, 2022 requiring that he address a statement to the Senate of the Associated Students, complete an additional hour of outreach for every meeting of the Senate of the Associated Students marked absent unexcused, and report to the Senate of the associated Students a minimum of four times on his ASUN related activity;^{1 2}

Whereas, following the passage of Senator Kermanshahi's censure, he accumulated additional points relating to attendance;

Whereas, Senator Kermanshahi's updated accumulated point total is 8 2/3 points;

Whereas, the Committee on Oversight conducted a hearing on the senator's conduct, allowing Senator Kermanshahi to present testimony on October 24th, 2022;³

Whereas, the Committee on Oversight recommends a censure of Senator Kermanshahi that upon the accumulation of 9 2/3 points, that the Committee on Oversight will begin the process for removal of office;

Be it resolved that, the above recommendation by the ASUN Standing Committee on Oversight for the Censure of Senator John Kermanshahi be strictly enforced by the body;

Be it further resolved that, a copy of this binding resolution be sent to the following individuals:

- a) Senator for the School of Public Health, John Kermanshahi

¹ <https://nevadaasun.com/meetings/senate-of-the-associated-students-85/>

² <https://nevadaasun.com/meetings/committee-on-oversight-39/>

³ <https://nevadaasun.com/meetings/committee-on-oversight-42/>

Adopted in Senate on July 8th, 2022

Attest:

Wyatt Layland, Senate Secretary

Andrew Thompson, Speaker of the Senate