Complaint Received via: Complaint Form
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Summary Conclusion: The complaint against the ASUCI Senate revealed significant neglect of the Senate webpage, leading to violations of student rights as per the ASUCI Constitution and Bylaws. The investigation confirmed these issues and emphasized the need for immediate action. The CAO has requested the SAG to issue an order for the immediate update of the Senate website, a crucial step to restore the Senate's integrity and uphold ASUCI’s core values.

Under Article 9, Section 3(a)(6) and Section 3(e)(4) of the Constitution of ASUCI, the Office of the Student Advocate General has the authority to “investigate charges of violations of the ASUCI governing documents committed by officials in other branches of ASUCI” and allows the Chief Accountability Officer “To ensure that the governing documents of ASUCI are implemented and followed”. It is within that authority that the following report has been compiled.

I. Introduction

This report is centered around a complaint lodged against the ASUCI Senate, with a particular focus on the Senate leadership and the members of the Senate Public Information Committee. The crux of the grievance is the extended neglect of the ASUCI Senate webpage, which has been outdated since the onset of the Winter Quarter, if not earlier.

The key issues underscored in the complaint include the continued display of Fall quarter office hours, inaccurately updated Senate leadership titles, retention of former Senators on the website, and the presence of empty or outdated individual Senator pages. Additionally, several links under the Senate tab lead to documents from previous sessions, making critical information inaccessible to students.

These issues are not just about an outdated webpage; they reflect a larger problem within the ASUCI Senate. They indicate a lack of commitment to keeping students informed and engaged, which is a fundamental responsibility of the Senate. This report aims to delve into these issues, understand their implications, and highlight the importance of upholding the core values of ASUCI.

The findings presented in this report underscore the need for the ASUCI Senate to ensure the effective functioning of its governing bodies. It is crucial for the Senate to maintain an updated and accurate webpage, as it is a primary source of information for students about their representatives and the work being done on their behalf.
II. Recommended Course(s) of Action

1. Order mandating the immediate update of the website

Recognizing the urgency of the situation, the CAO has formally requested the Student Advocate General (SAG) to issue an order for the immediate update of the Senate website by the Public Information Committee Chair. This step is crucial to restoring the integrity of the Senate’s online presence and ensuring that it serves as a reliable and up-to-date resource for the student body.

III. Conclusion

The CAO and the SAG are committed to upholding the core values of ASUCI and ensuring the effective functioning of its governing bodies. They believe that the immediate update of the Senate website is a necessary step towards achieving these goals. It is hoped that this action will serve as a reminder of the importance of maintaining accurate and current information, thereby fostering a culture of transparency and accountability within the ASUCI Senate.

This report serves as a call to action for all members of the ASUCI Senate to uphold their responsibilities and commitments to the student body. It is a reminder that the Senate’s actions and decisions have a direct impact on the students they represent, and it is therefore imperative that they strive to maintain the highest standards of transparency and accountability in all their endeavors.

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