ASUCI JUDICIAL BOARD

"The Judicial Board has final judicial authority for ASUCI, which extends to all cases arising under the governing documents of ASUCI, all official actions of ASUCI officials and staff, and any matters delegated to the Judicial Board by the Senate or Student Advocate General."

Decision to Forgo Preliminary Hearing in *ASUCI Senate v. Sosa-Hernández*

Dated February 24, 2025

BOLEK, C.; MALANI, A.; FARNWORTH, J.; MARIN, R.; RINGDAHL, N; VISWANATH, G.; approve of what is written.[1]

On February 20, 2025, the Judicial Board received a Petition for Hearing from Senate President Harshvardan Rathore. Petitioner filed suit upon the Senate's passage of R60-79: Impeachment of Social Sciences Senator 2024-25, which alleges a pattern of absenteeism and failures to appropriately communicate with Senate leadership as required by statute by respondent, Senator Emily Sosa-Hernandez of the School of Social Sciences.

The primary purpose of a Preliminary Hearing is to "hear arguments, vital evidence, and testimony concerning its jurisdiction in the matter." ASUCI Judicial Board Policies

[1] KARATAS, Z. recused themself and took no part in the deliberation or decision of this case.

and Procedures, Art. VI § B(1). The petitioner seeks an impeachment of respondent, a Senator, under the powers provided to the Senate under Articles 6 and 11 of the ASUCI Constitution, the latter of which requires action by the Judicial Board to determine whether or not an impeached Senator is to be removed from office, *inter alia*. Consequently, the Board determined, by a unanimous vote, that it indeed holds appropriate jurisdiction, rendering a Preliminary Hearing redundant. Thus, the Board finds it appropriate to move directly to a Formal Hearing in this case.

It is so ordered.