ASUCI JUDICIAL BOARD

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INVESTIGATION REPORT ON CONCERNS REGARDING THE CONDUCT OF THE STUDENT ADVOCATE GENERAL

In response to a complaint submitted by the Internal Student Advocate General against the Student Advocate General.

Redacted Report Summary

Dated April 28th, 2025

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Investigation Information

Complaint ID: #H1D40
Complaint Submission Date: March 21st, 2025
Complaint Submission Method: Email (judicial.justices@asuci.uci.edu)
Complainant:
Internal Student Advocate General
Complainee:
Student Advocate General

Report Submission Date: April 25th, 2025
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Executive Summary

On March 21st, 2025 the ASUCI Judicial Board received a complaint submitted by the Internal Student Advocate General against the Student Advocate General, alleging that they violated SAG procedure and overstepped the allocated authority of their position. Pursuant to the Article 8, § 2(l) of the ASUCI Constitution, members of the Judicial Board investigated these allegations. The investigative committee has found sufficient evidence to indicate that several of the alleged violations occurred.

I. Introduction

Article 8, § 2(l) of the ASUCI Constitution grants the ASUCI Judicial Board the authority to "investigate charges of violations of the ASUCI governing documents committed by the Office of the Student Advocate General." It is by this authority that this investigation was conducted and this report compiled. This report summary aims to present matters of fact related to the presented allegations. As the Judicial Board does not have the authority to enact structural measures in response to an investigation, this report shall not contain any recommendation of action.

II. Allegations

After considering the allegations originally presented by the complainant and as discussed in later interviews, we have broadly organized the allegations into six distinct points, five relating to procedural violations and one in regards to an alleged overstepping of authority.

III. Sequence of Events

On March 21st, 2025, the Judicial Board received a complaint submitted by the Internal Student Advocate General via direct email to the Judicial Board Email, against the Student Advocate General.

On Wednesday, April 2nd, Associate Justices Ringdahl and Viswanath alongside the Judicial Clerk were tasked with investigating the submitted complaint.

On Wednesday, April 2nd, Vice Chief Justice Malani emailed the ISAG to request an interview to discuss the details of their complaint.

On Friday, April 4th, Associate Justices Ringdahl, Viswanath and the Judicial Board Clerk interviewed the ISAG. Vice Chief Justice Malani was present in a procedural advisory capacity.

On Friday, April 11th, the Chief Accountability Officer was interviewed by Associate Justices Ringdahl and Viswanath.

On Monday, April 14th, the Student Advocate General was interviewed by Associate Justices Ringdahl and Viswanath.

On Friday, April 25th, a preliminary version of this report was submitted to SGSM Executive Director Van Ginkel for review. On April 25th, SGSM Executive Director Van Ginkel approved this report for release. Later on April 26th, the full version of this report was released to the complainant and a summary version released to the subject of the complaint. On April 28th, the redacted version of this report was published on the ASUCI Website.

This concludes the timeline of this investigation.

IV. Findings and Analysis

After concluding the investigation as detailed above in §III, the investigating members of the Judicial Board considered witness testimony and corroborating evidence provided by these witnesses. The Board constructed a timeline of events based upon this verified evidence, and reviewed the ASUCI governing documents, as well as the SAG handbook to examine if the alleged violations of procedure occurred. Several instances were enumerated in the complaint, and were thus investigated individually.

V. Conclusion

The investigative committee has found sufficient evidence in support of three procedural allegations, partial evidence for another procedural allegation, and no supporting evidence for the third procedural allegation. The board also found sufficient evidence that the SAG overstepped their authority in violation of the 24-25 SAG Handbook, ASUCI Bylaws, and ASUCI Constitution.

VI. Signatures

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Judicial Clerk, Judicial Board, ASUCI

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