

Senate Minutes – Associated Students of Colorado State University
November 15th 2017, Senate Chambers, Lory Student Center
Clerk: Eddie Kendall

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Consent Agenda

Senator Williams: Move to approve the consent agenda. Seeing no dissent we will approve the consent agenda.

Whether to Add Ratification and Swearing In

Senator Sullivan: I move to add swearing in and ratification of new members to the agenda.

Chair Brown: We as a Senate leadership committee have unanimously decided to remove ratification and swearing of members off the agenda because there has been a number of concerns from different college councils that they would be interested in and are planning on packing their individual colleges with their open seats simply to add senators for tonight only. Uhh, we were advised by advisers to take this off the agenda because this would completely delegitimize the vote that is held tonight and would easily constitute grounds for an appeal by either party, and the vote would simply not be legitimate, if that were to be the case however a motion has been called and seconded. Seeing that this motion exists it is to the body to decide, there is a motion on the floor, everyone in favor say aye, everyone against same sign, all abstentions.

Parliamentarian Vaishampayan: Point of order, we must have discussion and debate on this motion.

Chair Brown: Alright, Senator Williams if you could take over.

Senator Williams: Senator Lindell you are first on the speakers list.

Senator Lindell: If we add this tonight and either side were to ask for a repeal it would mean we would need to do it all over again and would be wasting our time this entire evening, and I would rather not do that.

Senator Sullivan: We have two senators here tonight who were previously a part of the body but due to a paperwork error had to leave until they could get the paperwork and they now have this so that they may represent their constituents, I yield.

Senator Sherif: Uhh, I echo Officer Sullivan's statement and I yield.

Senator Bunting: Umm, I did not know these senators were, may I ask a question to Senator Sullivan? Where these members off ASCSU prior to today and are like turning in our paperwork for college council.

Senator Sullivan: Yes.

Senator Bunting: Okay, then I agree with Kevin Sullivan on the grounds that adding these senators as they have been part of ASCSU in the past and for the most part this year been attending these sessions.

Senator Aubrey: I totally lost my track of thought. I would like to echo Senator Lindell and I yield.

Senator Huber: Umm I would like to ask, are there any other Senators or Associates up for ratification tonight besides the two that need to turn in their paperwork.

Chair Brown: We have been informed that there are, just to put that out there from the leadership team.

Senator Huber: So with that, umm, that by adding a whole bunch of people that may just quit after this session and do it all over again, I see it as nixing the vote, and that doesn't sit well with me ethically, umm, so I think we should hold off one more week for those other two people that have been here, it is unfortunate, to split up the ratification and not include people so I think it is better to wait so I yield.

Chair Brown: Yeah so I wanted to touch on that, unfortunately we cannot give special treatment to people who were previously part of the body and going through the same process. In addition to that this vote is of the utmost importance. With that I have been informed by advisers that this would delegitimize the vote.

Senator Cheadle: From my understanding, several others have held their ratifications for this purpose, ratifying these two extra people, no matter how good intention they are, severely messes with the numbers and the vote becoming a legal nightmare for us. I yield.

Senator Hart: I won't talk too long I just want to echo previous speakers call for not having ratifications tonight.

Senator Williams: Any other discussion before we move to a secondary speakers list? Seeing none.

Senator Aubrey: I understand that under normal circumstances we would do this but I think the fact that in this circumstance it may call into question the validity of the vote on either side I think this would not be in the best interest of the body and I urge us not to swear in any new senators tonight.

Senator Sullivan: I would just like to ask who here is being ratified tonight I only know of two. So we have three, could you stand please, I am sorry. So we have three senators who were previously a part of the body. I do not know where these claims of being called in to vote one way or another tonight. These are members that were already a part of this organization. I yield.

Senator Huber: Umm, my question was answered, I yield.

Senator Gessaman: Alright so are we sure that the vote can be considered valid if we don't add in these new members. I mean it sounds like they are not new members to me.

Chair Brown: So really quick to answer how the ratification and swearing in of new members works, so whenever an individual leaves our Senate body for whatever reason and come back, it would be through the same mechanism of a brand new Senator, slight is wiped clean, it sorta starts from square one.

Senator Gessaman: Okay so we are treating them essentially like completely new senators and so ratifying on the day of a big vote like this would invalidate, correct?

Vice-President Emeritus LiPuma: My name is Lance LiPuma, I was the ASCSU president in for 2014-2015 uhh to add a little history here, I remember when we didn't have enough members to reach quorum.

Yet I sit here looking at a not full senate with members willing to enter and a senate body not willing to accept them.

Vice-President Emeritus Lensky: Hi my name is Mike Lensky and when I was also the Senate Retention and recruitment officer at one point. Back then it was not my job to decide who could and couldn't be added to the senate body, if they showed up they were allowed to enter. It wasn't our call, my job was to ensure that student voices were heard and college councils went through the proper procedures.

Senator Bunting: While I agree with the formal Vice-Presidents I do have to point out that we have a job to ensure that this vote is legitimate, I am not sure if I am allowed to do this but can I ask President Silva and Senator Nordstrom to lend their opinion on this?

President Silva: I am the student body president here at CSU. My opinion regardless of the outcome is that the students deserve transparency so I will not recall the vote based on adding of new members.

Senator Nordstrom: I am aware of a few different college councils that decided not to ratify because they were holding them because of this, this creates an unfair double standard since not all college councils were given the same message.

Senator Bunting: Now that we have heard the two I yield.

[**Motion:** To previous, by placard, 21-1-1, passed]

[**Vote:** To add ratification and swearing in of new members, 9-15-1, fails]

Briefing from the Chairs on Process and Procedure

Senator Williams: Any associates still on the floor please leave the gallery.

Chair Brown: So tonight is kind of a different night for me, I will not be Chair Browning, while this is my normal job there was some concern about the difficult nature of the personal relationship between me and the respondent so I have chosen to yield to the least involved member to Chair Brown and am fully confident in Senator Williams ability to Chair Brown this session. To talk about a few professional questions, we will be maintaining the highest level of decorum throughout the whole night and Josh will be prepared to gavel out and ask members to step out until they can compose themselves. There is a question on why this is a secret ballot, according to ASCSU policy and Robert's rules, all our personnel matters will be decided by secret ballot. (Recites section of Roberts rules regarding this) I also received some questions about abstentions, we will be counting votes requiring 2/3 in favor and will only utilize yes and no votes rendered. With that I hand this off to Josh.

Senator Williams: Good evening, for those of you that do not know me I am Josh Williams, the Chair Brown for this evening. To establish some ground rules, thank you members of the gallery for attending, it will also be live streamed and audio pumped into the office and cabinet room. Tonight we gather to discuss a very serious manner, as such no violation of decorum will be tolerated. To members of the body we will not use a three strike method, this will be one strike and you are out. In the interest of transparency we will be holding this entire session open to the public. In doing so however we will be instituting some rules to maintain order. After the gallery input, no member of the gallery shall be allowed to speak, during gallery input they will only be given 5 minutes to speak at the podium to my right. In the impeachment procedure we have asked all members that are not voting members to leave

the body and will not count attendance against you. We will be passing out paper copies of the documentation from the impeachment committee into the body and ask that unless needed for accessibility purposes, that you use these computers only for official business. Once the results of the vote have been announced we will adjourn. Within the chamber regardless of the vote we ask that you maintain decorum and remember that you are still representatives of the students and we ask that you act such. To all voting members, you must answer yes or no to count your vote. Thank you and I look forward to a productive meeting. We will now move into gallery input.

Gallery Input

Vice-President Wells: I am the student body Vice-President for ASCSU. I will keep this brief. I essentially want to just say, this is a very serious and large decision and I just hope that everyone in this room understand that there is a heavy duty to look at the facts given to you and to choose what you feel is right. To highlight something I tell BSOF, we at the end of the day are a student organization and I truly believe no one in this room is evil or harbors ill wishes, we understand at the end of the day that we are all rams. So take these seriously and weigh heavily the humanity of everything that goes on tonight.

Director Rhine: I have some written notes. For the past three years I have served in ASCSU. Having sat through the diversity bill and many power struggles in this organization, I have experienced a variety of conditions in this organization. While I was originally uncertain about taking up a position in this administration, having worked numerous hours with President Silva to better the lives of students on a variety of issues, I dreamed that ASCSU this year would be able to make a real impact here on campus. For 12 weeks, President Silva has had his name dragged through the mud, after tonight that all ends. I will not sit here and tell you how to vote, just that you do your duty to represent your constituents, and that tomorrow you work to ensure that the culture of this body is advanced and maintained for the benefit of the students that fund our fee, thank you for your time.

Director Maxwell: So I could spend this time making accusations, but I don't believe this microphone was made for that. It is here so that we can make a difference. It is not here to bring up and discuss personal issues. It is here as a platform for individuals who want to benefit the students in our institution, even if that has not been the case this semester. Following elections last spring over 70 applicants applied to be part of this administration, in this application they ask what servant leadership means to you. President Silva in including this question put forth his best foot to ask why our executive members and why we all are here. I have had the opportunity over the last year to be a part of this administration and I have had the personal opportunity to see how this organization makes a difference. On August 30th the petition was brought to the floor, but what is often forgot is earlier that day we had our first grill the buffs of the year and first game in the week. With that brought a lot of student concerns on issues that mattered to them. This only continued and we had to work to ensure, even despite the criticism, that through this, our mission shined. While President Silva could have given up, and it certainly has been difficult for not just him but every member of his cabinet, they have persevered in the interest and support of students. President Silva deserves to finish the work he was elected to do.

Director Syron: Every speech I have ever written to address this body starts with "Senate" but instead I will start this with the word "Family". Collusion has been sniffed and back door deals abundant, but here, I have found so much more than jobs or politics but family. Tonight marks a day that we are attempting to rip apart this family. This vote has nothing to do with how you feel, but the critical thinking, truth and fact. On this I ask you to challenge every fact that is presented to you and to live up

to the full measure of devotion that our democracy represents. I would be remiss to not speak about Josh's character, after all we have been through, after all the potential moments he had to treat me poorly for having run against him and originally disliked him, and Josh has only given back love, passion, generosity and a full measure of character that benefits our organization. Thank you for your time.

President Pineda-Soraca: I served as the ASCSU Student Body president last year. I am not here to repeat everything that has been said. I am here to speak a little bit on my take having served in a similar role last year. I urge you to look at the evidence and if you know how you are going to vote already you aren't here for the right reasons. Separate yourself from the emotion and passion and evaluate the facts as they stand. I want to give some context on the allegations. Josh was a member of my administration and I never questioned any part of his professionalism or ability to perform. When we focus on the sole isolated events and attempt to paint a narrative from these I believe that these are completely unfair. I believe that this is not the case. Last year when I presented the budget for this administration, it included discretionary, the readership program, and the supplemental to fund this. Last year I completely cut out to Coloradoan because the numbers were low but no one assumed that that was a sneaky decision but one based in fact. With that experience and knowing that this occurs I ask you to wonder if you on your side also did your part to ask the questions you needed to be informed yourself. To speak on Josh's character, while I can't speak on OEO allegations, which are being dealt for by the University, let's look at our process, are we being fair, open minded, and considerate of the consequences of this impeachment. If this happens that executive branch will certainly crumble and the progress made now lost.

Mike Watson: I used to be a Senator in this very body and recently moved back to Fort Collins. I am happy to be back, but I was surprised and concerned when I heard that there was an open impeachment against the current president. To gain a better perspective I worked from the ground level to look into why this is being considered. This body has produced a variety of members that have gone on to do amazing things from being governors to running some of the largest companies. ASCSU has an entire network outside this and having spoken to other Senators the bottom line is you all have the opportunity to mature in a way that doesn't come this early in life. It looks like you all just have somebody that is just very difficult to work with. The bottom line is, this will happen again and it won't be the option for you to vote them out, and you will need to learn that now, to mature and learn how to overcome this, how to be more mature people by working with people, even if they are a pain. You don't have to do that right now, if you want to you can just vote him out, because I don't have a vested interest, because this is your battle. But that is just it. This is bigger than that, this is questioning how you deal with difficult situations. This is an opportunity to test your metal.

Associate Senator Badri: I would like to start off by saying there is a difference between working with someone that is difficult and someone that makes it their mission to target people. In the first session, until Josh received the list of who signed the petition, President Silva would continue to come up and ask who I am, and try to introduce himself, repeatedly. I am unique, I am a person, and Josh Silva has made me feel miniscule that I needed to leave. He minimized my identity and my uniqueness as an individual. I would like to say that having talked to other Senators that this is rampant and that at the beginning of the year that he attempted to approach Senators and to discuss the impeachment with them in an unprofessional manner. To speak to his character, last week Josh made kissy faces, winked and mouthed words at Senator Nordstrom during the presentation of his bill last week. While I wanted to call a point of order I was scared because we know what happens when you mess with josh.

Director Shubert: I believed in us, so this is hard to say. I am uncomfortable walking into the office. I admit sometimes you just got to work through it. But I am just tired of deceit, hate, and retaliation in this administration. I am tired of hearing the hate traded between fellow employees and that makes me disappointed because I really believed in us. I will do my job, I will serve. But it is hard with this environment.

Director Merline: Hi all, my name is Kyrie Merline and I am the Director of Marketing Strategy for the 2017-2018 administration. I have sat here and been silent. I have discussed my frustrations, my fears, and my pain against this administration many times with many people. I have been written about in the Collegian related to my personal self-confidence and worth. I have been made to feel worthless and like I do not belong in a position that I was hired for. Have you ever had your self-worth questioned? When you go to work do you feel like you're going to be fired? Do you fear entering an office, or waking up every morning and questioning your position? I live with this every day; however, these fears have been placed on me as my personal problem with myself. My own self-esteem issues and my lack of confidence in my ability...or according to members of this organization...my lack of knowledge surrounding my job. I am not a perfect person, and I have made mistakes. I have messed up plenty of times in my personal life, in my college career, and in this job. Yet I am expected to learn and to grow and to be better. I have worked on my mistakes, and I have worked to help grow ASCSU as a whole. I find though, that the expectation for my position is not the same expectation for my president. I find that my coworkers have felt the need to resign due to intimidation, harassment, and overall being uncomfortable in their workspace. I question if I should resign, but even if I resigned nothing would change. Time and time again there has been proof, repeated incidences, and blatant lies to this organization from my president. My resignation would change nothing except the opportunity to threaten and harass another individual. As I say this to you all as senate members, I realize this could be the first time you are hearing of any of this. Due to the OEO investigation you have been kept in the dark. If I were you all, I would think this was a scheme made up of lies because, well that's how you have been told to see this entire situation by the president and other various members, as a lot of made up lies. I am done with these back door meetings to gain support against the impeachment. I am done with the lies surrounding why this impeachment is happening. I am done with the drama, the bullying, and the harassment. I fear retaliation for saying this, but I am done hiding. You all deserve to know who is behind the scenes, who is involved in these charges, and who is being referred to in the Collegian. Well here I am. I stand before you and beg you for the sake of everyone's sanity to look beyond the politics, the back door meetings, and the drama and see this impeachment as what it is. I am sure you will be hearing plenty of sides tonight and it will go back and forth but look at yourself and look at how you would feel in my shoes, and in the many of other people's shoes who have been affected. How well you would operate with fear, harassment, bullying, question of self-worth, and the continuous problems that arise from the "I am above all" attitude of this president. For the Collegian that has been so opinionated and one sided here is the integral part of the other side of the story. I ask all of senate to please, please remember that these are real people, and Josh and this administration have affected these people. I am over the drama. I am over the harassment. I am over being bullied. I have sat here and been silent. And I am done being silent. So on behalf of myself, on behalf of the people who have been affected or are still being affected, and on behalf, out of fear, those who are still silent, ignore the drama, ignore the back door meetings, and make a difference so that we can finally move on and make a real impact on this campus. "Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek."

Director Aldern: Hello, umm, probably like many of us, uhh I am excited for tonight to be over, but I do have some important things to say. Umm, as Nate mentioned I would love to make eye contact during this but I will stick to my notes. My name is Jackson Aldern, and I work for ASCSU as the Director of Graphic Design. I am here today not to share the stories of others, but to speak on my experience in regards to Josh Silva and his Influence on the ASCSU workplace. I have little reason to believe that Josh has any intention on harming anyone belonging to this organization, however, we would all be mistaken to assume merely intentions are what brought us to this room today. Since being hired into the executive branch in August 2017, I've assumed two roles the role of graphic designer and the role of emotional and psychiatric support for my peers. While of course I am happy to do so, it makes me question how this organization which was once held in such esteem by the community and myself disintegrated into such a distressed and volatile state. How is it that a workplace so shortly after a benevolent excursion to CSU's mountain campus devolves into backdoor politics, infighting, harassment, threats and the forced removal of an adviser. Why is it that my closest coworkers are frightened to come to work? How could I justify a president that has an invisible hand in my department? How can I support someone accused of harassing the very people that he must hold him accountable given the fundamental structure of representative democracy. It seems to me that the principles of community from which all of CSU benefits have long been forgotten. I want to now remind you of ASCSU's commitment to inclusion, integrity, respect and social justice. Josh Silva despite good intentions has since strayed from these principals and in many instances my experiences in this office have been one of confusion, stress and anxiety from our president's dangerous and unthinking action towards my coworkers and my fellow students. Because of Josh's narcissism, arrogance and sometimes lack of compassion, the culture of ASCSU has thus far devolved and lost the public trust, sorry, and enabled the increasing fragmentation of our government and has an undeniable effect on employee morale. To ignore these effects is to be disconnected with the reality of ASCSU and how it has operated this semester. As graphic designer I am the first to recognize my inherent distance from the political under workings of this organization. However my role has in no way kept me removed from my coworker's frustration, discomfort and grief regarding the Silva administration. Today I urge our senate to consider the reality of our present culture. We can choose to perpetuate, infighting fragmentation and fear we can choose to let this opportunity pass. Or we can consider and be responsive to the needs of our fellow students the need to be accepted for our true selves, the need to be comfortable in our place of work, and to be without fear of retaliation, harassment or threats. Based on the fundamental principles of community under which this university operates, I support the impeachment of President Josh Silva. Thank you for your time.

Director Leonard and Steinhof: I am standing here in support of Josh Silva. I first met Josh in 2016 and got the opportunity to know him as a peer and a friend. He embodies his job as president and wouldn't have it any other way. I was informed by President Siva about the situation he is and can confirm that this was a one-time mistake and out of character for him. Having worked with him multiple times I can say that I have only seen the integrity of his work and ability to own up to his mistakes. It is in my belief that people of his character are not worth losing in this organization.

Kwon Atlas: I was a senator in this body as well. I have gone on to a variety of roles here in this state. I was part of this body and most importantly the only person to be impeached by this body. I am pleased to see that this process has improved. I am here tonight because I was not treated fairly in my own hearing and wanted to ensure that everyone gets their fair handshake. Back when I was a Senator, I was

turned on by my peers and accused of harassment that went unquestioned in this body. People said I was intimidating, that I said mean things. The night I was impeached there was no recording the media was kicked out and I was unable to give a response. I am pleased that he is able to speak but still advocate for change. If you were not here this entire semester I implore you to not vote on this. If you have any non-professional relationship I also ask to you to step aside and embrace objectivity. Because of those accusations and the words that were used, people went so far as to say I had raped somebody. So I know what it is to go through something running through the rumor mills. I know he googles his name and sees the words attached to his name. If you impeach him, just think of the consequences. I asked for this body to seek open records, me the accused. Being accused of crazy things, yet I did not get due justice. That is all I ask of you. Forget your roles, your preconceived decisions, but to rule without passion and see it as objectively as you can. Once I left this organization I was able to do so much, so know regardless of what happens you are important.

Associate Senator Siri: I apologize for my attire. I wanted to talk a little bit to this body. You should be going into this meeting without a mind made up. I want you to think about the evidence placed in front of you and to question. To talk about why I signed this petition, when I came back I saw the same D*m stuff I saw last year. In the Sydorik administration there was a toxic environment because of the nature of the leadership that year. I saw those same signs, the same problems, the same closed door meetings that made people cry. That people felt like they had no worth that they were victimized. There was no accountability that year, so I signed that petition to ensure there was accountability. Tonight is a night about accountability. If there is something to be done, the buck ends here. If nothing should be done, act just as decisively, hold ourselves and others to account.

Officer Maurya: I heard talks about his character. I was afraid of stepping into ASCSU, but after meeting him I felt comfortable in this environment. His eye contact, smile and treatment makes me feel valued. It is an environment that allows me to succeed. He has been a good person to me and I want you to consider that before you take your vote.

Parliamentarian Vaishampayan: Well this is different. I will not tell you how to vote tonight, just to start out with an article written in another student newspaper all the way at Colorado Mesa University. (Reads article verbatim describing how we are impeaching our president and the University is at a crucial time of politics, outlines charges and shows them as allegations, CMU has had its own politics. It is hard for us to watch having gone through this ourselves. We hope that this reminds us to avoid infighting and to stay away from the drama.) They passed very few bills, they had multiple resignations, and there was infighting and distrust. Regardless how you vote, this will not solve anything. Please do not vote just because you want something to go away, you need to consider if he stays or if he goes, you must step up in either case to understand and work towards a better tomorrow, a culture that we can hope for a brighter tomorrow.

Vice-President Emeritus Lensky: I was the Vice-President last year. I want to talk about my frustrations and where they lie. His character is all in that box right there so I didn't want to speak about that. From my knowledge we are in the 12th week. I have seen petitions in the past, and now seeing this procedure I was kinda tired of it but I wanted to see how it went because you all can handle it yourself. In my mind I thought this will last 5 weeks. I don't think about this as being about the culture of this office, which needs to be dealt with immediately, so while I am not frustrated with any specific people, I do think this needs to be concluded one way or another. Where I am coming with this I want to echo previous

speaker, don't vote to get this out of the way but based on the evidence. I will say do not impeach unless this evidence is incredibly strong. I am not bashing the process, but if there was evidence, so detrimental so terrifying this should have been done immediately. During my administration when we had a member who was not meeting the goals for the administration we dealt with this quickly. Understand going into this that it has been sitting 12 weeks, there has got to be something that has been keeping this going so long. When I was in office it took much more than 1 year to change it. Don't vote to change a culture, vote on the evidence because it will not change on one vote.

Director Johnson and Taylor: We wanted to speak as a department. I know not all of you were here when we were ratified by this body. To remind you of how those questions went, we were expected to be good representatives and to judge with a critical unbiased mind. You all having that standard for us, I want to also hold you to that same standard of ruling based on the evidence, based on critical thinking, and without the preconceptions that you may have already formed. (Taylor speaking now) Part of our jobs are to be critical thinkers. There is a lot of gravitas to your decision and no matter how you choose someone will be unhappy, make sure at the end of the day, and make sure you can account for your decisions in a way that is free of these prior opinion. Be careful. Consider openly, and know this is why you are here, this is something that is expected. (Director Johnson speaking now) Do what's right, I trust you all.

Vice-President Emeritus Lance LiPuma: I am an ASCSU Alumni and have taken some time off to focus on myself. A few individuals that rally and believe they are more important than the individuals that are around them. I see again legislation books of no substance to represent the students. I want to see a body that represents the students and I do believe there are individuals here that would like to see this go through but regardless of the outcome I want you to take a minute to think about what this body will be and what worth it brings.

Associate Senator Murray: I will preface this, I am a horrible speaker. So my name is Jennifer Murray and have been in this body since earlier last year and also ran to be speaker of the senate. Speaking on my limited knowledge of this situations, I am both disgusted and confused why we did not ratify new senators and not only have I seen the manipulation of the student voices but I have seen many questionable things this year. I ask that you all make a fair decision free of passion. I believe that this is a needed investigation but I am glad that it will finally be done. I have gone up here on my own free will even though some would wish me not to speak.

Hailey Morton: I ran for student body president a couple months ago. While I did not originally plan on speaking I think it is important that I get up here. After working with Josh I would like to say that it was a pleasure to work with him. I hope that tonight you all work together to represent a lot of students in making a decision that carries a lot of weight. It makes me sad to see people up here speaking to his character.

Chair Brown: Are there any other members that would like to speak tonight? Seeing none, if I could have some help passing out the evidence from the committee.

Presentation of Evidence

[Motion: To a 30 minute recess to digest the evidence, by acclimation, passed]

/Recess/ 8:06 PM

/Recess Ends/ 8:26 PM Called back early by speaker

Senator Williams: We will be cutting it short due to concerns about accessibility.

Senator Nordstrom: I am a legally blind student, I get everything in 24 font and ahead of time, of which these documents are not. I was told this will get done one way, we would get this documentation and go through it one line at a time. It is not fair that we do it this way, it is not accessible and not acceptable. I am sick of this bodies attempts to ignore accommodations.

Mike Ellis: You have agreed we can do it all in an hour and a half my recommendation is that we proceed.

[Motion: To extend to an hour and a half with a court presentation, by acclimation, failed]

Senator Williams: if the committee could please come and present. If everyone would please close your laptops.

Chief Justice Anderson: we will now be presenting the information collected by the committee in order, you should have packets of information before you. To jump right in, (Reads August 4th weekly report) this helped the committee determine a timeline. This is actually the second time an impeachment committee was heard before the court. (Reads Verbatim the impeachment petition, available by request electronically to ASCSU_Supreme_Court@Mail.Colostate.Edu) You may notice the numbers on the side, those represent the votes of the Supreme Court, ruling, yes, no and abstention respectively. (Continues to read the impeachment petition verbatim)

Senator VanDenburgh: Do we need to take a break to have a different copy loaded to your computer?

Senator Williams: Unanimous consent to recess for 5 minutes to get the correct copy.

[Motion: To 5 minute recess, by consent, passed]

/Senate Recesses/8:36 PM 11/15/17

/Senate Reconvenes/ 8:46 PM 11/15/17

Chief Justice Anderson: So I realize that a lot of you do not have that piece of paper so we shall move onto the next item which is a testimonial, the committee deemed it relevant because it provides background (Reads verbatim testimonial starting “I decided to run for ASCSU president”) So, the next thing you should all see is a timeline.

Senator Schmidt: Point of personal privilege, if she is reading it verbatim she will need to read every word.

Chief Justice Anderson: Yes so what is blacked out is the redacted names and other information that had to be removed for a variety of reasons. (References document starting Witnesses in bold and underlined letters, reads the page) (Reads out timeline on back of page referenced before then returns to section titled in bold TIMELINE on page containing first words “Witnesses”).

Senator: What is this dialogue?

Senator Williams: unfortunately no questions may be asked during the presentation because of the bylaws.

Chief Justice Anderson: (Continues to read verbatim series of conversations on page beginning “Timeline”)

Senator Lindell: Can I ask, Senator Nordstrom, that we just go through the important parts of the page and not the parts irrelevant to our conversation here on.

Senator Williams: If Senator Nordstrom agrees, we shall do that. So we will move through this.

Chief Justice Anderson: I will refer to my notes to provide an overview of what each item is so that you may better understand each item. Item 5 is a marketing request form dated Aug 23rd deemed relevant because the WALL STREET JOURNAL contract was being marketed at this point putting a date on it. Item 6 is a weekly report with highlights. The next item is a series of emails between President Silva and Dean Withers which is relevant as it establishes the timeline for negotiations with co-sponsors. Item 9 is about how to distribute Wall Street Journal dated August 16th. Item 10 is a series of emails as well starting August 21st. Item 11 is another email with Dean Withers to discuss co-sponsoring. Item 12 is the Wall Street Journal presentation to be presented to Senate. Item 13 is a series of text messages relating to potential professional charges. Item 14 is a series of texts relevant because it relates to potential professional charges. Item 15 is an article provided in the collegian announcing the Wall Street Journal and its implementation timeline. Item 16 is the Aug 18th weekly report for president Silva that does not mention the Wall Street Journal negotiation while Vice-President Wells does within that report. Item 17, requested their name not be redacted, Parliamentarian Vaishampayan provided a document relating to charges of a lack of job description deemed relevant relating to lack of job description charges. Item 18 is the Wall Street Journal Senate minutes presentation. Item 19 is an email between Senator Nordstrom and President Silva and as I said allegations are binary, the committee deems this relevant because it relates to the charges. Item 20 the opinion from the Supreme Court regarding internal complaints, ended up being deemed relevant because it outlines our procedure. Item 21, is more contextual evidence. Item 22 is an email for budget allocations deemed relevant since it explains how budgets should be reallocated. Item 23 discussing Wall Street Journal collaboration dated June 5 constructs a timeline. Item 24 screenshots relate to a personal statement discussed later. Item 25, the requisition for the Wall Street Journal, note the important highlights, item 26 the Aug 30th impeachment petition, note the highlighted portions in this document. Item 27, is the impeachment signatures for Aug 30th. Item 28 relates to Item 27 of the President requesting the list of petition signers. Item 28 the RFD for the Wall Street Journal. Item 30, President Silva’s July 21st weekly report that does not show Wall Street Journal negotiations. Item 31, showing context for professionalism allegations. Item 32, an email from President Silva regarding interest in the Wall Street Journal dated June 13th. Item 33, an email detailing payment options dated June 15th. Item 35, an email from President Silva regarding enrollment numbers related to item 33. Item 36 an email about Wall Street Journal collaboration. Item 37, an email thread with the Wall Street Journal presentation materials and working to sign the contract June 30th. Item 38, a July 24th contract draft. Item 39, follow up emails about Wall Street Journal. Item 40 an email regarding Wall Street Journal co sponsorships. Item 41, an email from the front desk with the Wall Street Journal presentation Aug 29th. Item 42, a filed requisition and contract Aug 15th for the Wall Street Journal. Item 44, an email from President Silva apologizing for the halt of the contract. And that is all of the presentation on all of that.

Statements of Respondents and Complainant

Senator Williams: We will now take a 10 minute statement from Senator Nordstrom.

Senator Nordstrom: If you do not know my name by now you are not an avid reader of the Collegian. I am a senator representing RDS. You may also remember me for being the individual who spoke up about the culture here in this organization. While I did not vote for Silva in the election I felt they were competent to lead our organization and in time built a good friendship with President Silva. I walked away from the May 3rd Senate session with a hope in my heart and vision to serve the students. August 23rd 2017, I had heard that members of the executive branch about frustration about President Silva not following our government document and that an internal complaint would be filed. I was proud to hear that our leaders were willing to look deep to see if we could hold each other accountable. It was around the time of the community welcome walk that I heard about the Wall Street Journal contract and the possibility of a grand scale project. At the time this seemed like an exciting project to bring more news to this campus, but as I continued on I began to feel that some steps had been missed in the process and began to dig into finding answers. Upon digging in it became crashing down, the contract that had been negotiated over the summer had been done under a guise of falsehoods perpetuated by President Silva. The Discretionary fund which he had planned to use was over \$2,000 short despite his promises that he could fund the contract and had himself assured that he could have it all funded from the Senate discretionary. Above all this, one thing stood out, his quote that he “just didn’t think about it” he truly believes to this day that he has done nothing wrong. We know, we have seen that the process was not followed. This evening I implore you all to look into the pattern of behavior that has been exposed time and time again. So many so that I can no longer in good faith call them mistakes. President Silva and his friends have made countless allegations that we are not doing anything else than the impeachment to divert attention from himself, as it is the furthest thing from the truth. If you look at the record our body has been the most effective branch of ASCSU despite the negativity associated with Mr. Silva. I believe in the integrity, morality and honesty that we demand of ourselves. Mr. Silva may say he intends to value those things, but we have seen time and time again that is not true. Are we able to, are we willing to stand up to clear immorality. What are we willing to do to right the many wrongs we have suffered at the hands of Mr. Silva. Regardless of what happens tonight I hope you can all join me to stand up for integrity despite the criticism put forth by other members of the organization with aims to subvert the organization.

President Silva: I am a first generation American raised by parents who moved here to escape political oppression. I want to thank them for being in the back. I grew up in Thornton Colorado and I remember my brother helping me study for the spelling bee because the language barrier between my parents was too steep. My parents wanted me to have the opportunities they didn’t have like serving as the President of ASCSU. Honestly, I joined ASCSU on a whim, and literally decided at the last minute to apply as the controller of finance. The first thing I remember about ASCSU is standing up here for my ratification. After starting I fell in love with ASCSU for the potential we had to help the students. If I had to spit ball it we help over 50 organizations and have millions of dollars at our disposal for the collective good. Being Controller, making a positive impact, which was my favorite job I ever had. It is just such an incredibly special experience that I got to have with the best office mate ever, Michael Wells. I decided to run for president because I thought that I could bring a unique perspective to this job and to enrich the lives of students here on campus. Anyone that knows me knows I am one of the biggest nerds here on campus because it really does matter to me. When I ran for president I did so because I believed in

putting forth projects that represented the whole student body. When asked in a debate why U+2 wasn't passed, I responded it was because we couldn't bring people together. When I got into office I saw the Wall Street Journal project and saw that this is a clear opportunity to do something for students. Last year we began taking fees from online students. It makes me disgusted that we take their money without providing anything, and this could be an opportunity to serve them. After years of ASCSU presidents asking for this, of course I would set out and see about getting these services in collaboration with some of our biggest supporters. We could fund this with money from two different line items in the executive branch budget. When I thought about running for president when I spoke with a past president they reminded me not to box myself in, to run and be a president that improved the lives of students. To be honest with you the title of ASCSU president means nothing. President or not this is what makes me tick and I don't want to waste a single second of my presidency on anything that doesn't benefit these students. It is a pleasure to serve on the BOG, and the work we have been able to do as an organization as a cabinet, even in the face of adversity, has amazed both me and campus. We have worked together on health fairs, U+2, composting, and the budget community. Leadership is not about being great but allowing others to be great. I hope we can professionally air differences and no matter how I feel about the petition I want to apologize for how this has ripped us apart. I want to continue to serve the students and I hope you are willing to let me do this.

Senator Williams: We will now move into the next section of the agenda. However since it is late, make sure you go out the south side doors of the building. Discussion and Debate.

Discussion, Debate and Questions

Senator Serif: I am the WGAC senator and in that respect I would like to offer the WGAC definition of macroaggressions so that you all have that in mind. I don't want to affiliate with one side or another just offer shared language. Macroaggressions are the insults that are expressed to put forth hostile behaviors and situations that institute a power hierarchy that often happen in situations where you have to ask yourself, micro assault being a non-verbal or verbal attack on identity, micro invalidation, that nullifies a person's experience, micro insult, a communication that is a subtle snub often unknown to the perpetrator which puts down an identity. I don't want to associate with one side or another but to put it forth as a definition so we are operating on the same language since there have been lots of rumors.

Senator Schmidt: First of all I would like to ask, can we question the committee? May I motion for 30 minutes to further read this information?

[Motion: To recess for 30 minutes to read the evidence provided, by acclamation, failed]

Senator Schmidt: I yield.

Senator Cheadle: Senate, tonight we determine one thing, the future of ASCSU, this year is the 100th anniversary of ASCSU's control over student fees. 100 years since we became one of the most powerful student governments in the country. We will determine tonight what we will be. One simple choice, do we uphold, the institutions, the ideals, the governing documents set before us in 1917. Do we let it slide? Do we overlook the power that was given to us to do well? Our constitution was redesigned many times since 1917. But does that give us the power to cherry pick what we do what we do not follow. What purpose does it serve if we do not uphold it in its entirety? Certainly it is only words on paper you

may ask? Ink in the shape of letters. A document on paper? No. We, we as people give it power. We as a collective, governing, upholding, defining, give power, give life to this document. I ask you what you want this organization to be. One of deceit, lies, those perpetrated by our very leader? Or one of righteousness, of truth. I say again, we make one choice, tonight. What do you want ASCSU to be?

Senator Lindell: Alright, this is going to be a bit of a long one. Throughout this entire process there has been this narrative that this is all a personal vendetta. As a member who has been looking into this since the beginning of the year, I have been digging for information, for details. It doesn't matter how good he treats some of us if he doesn't treat all of us with dignity. At the beginning of our terms we took an oath to represent our students and uphold the constitution. We have seen in this evidence today that this has been violated. If this is to slide, why would any of us fulfill our duty? It is clear that this is not a mistake, he does not regret, he does not apologize, he clearly knew and when his staff informed him he still moved forward. It is pretty clear on the constitutional side that he is guilty. What is not so clear is the culture. While it was mentioned that it will be a process, it is clear that we need to remove the perpetrators that have caused this situation. We can see this when Kyrie was admitting this and it was very difficult for her you can see that she was scared, and immediately supporters tried to cut her off. It shows the true character of this situation. If he gets away now, we have shown that there are no lines that cannot be crossed. We will not have any opportunity if we do not act now to hold the line. Honestly, I fear for myself, I fear for Cerridwyn, I fear for the brave individuals that stepped forward today to say their truth and it would be a disservice to have these members continue to serve in the presence of such a negative force.

President Silva: Point of order we cannot discuss this as it is against university policy.

Chief Justice Anderson: Some redactions were missed truly to error, in this case I would advise to be very careful when you talk about something this serious, even if suicide is brought up to any employee, it is required to be mandatorily reported.

Senator Henshaw: Can we be informed of the sections that should be redacted so we can disregard this in the consideration of this?

Chief Justice Anderson: Yes, please disregard any section regarding protected class, self-harm in the proceedings.

Senator Sherif: How will we go forward with that being brought up?

[Motion: To recess 5 minutes, by consent, passed]

Senator Williams: Since it was a general statement we will continue to be able to use it so please consider the evidence.

Senator Lindell: I basically said what I think needs to be said this evening.

Senator Bunting: So I know this is a very tense day for a lot of people but I am glad we are having this discussion, I got to admit that no offense to the impeachment committee, some of the evidence as well as the way it is compiled makes it kind of confusing, that being said, the evidence is the most important factor in this impeachment to evaluate what is right. That being said we must represent our constituents the way we want our constituents represented. It is up to us, as individuals, to find what motivates and points you in the direction you must go.

Senator Quintana: Think about the origins of this, why the petition was made, the Wall Street Journal, if you are sitting here and not looking through the evidence you are not doing your job. We are doing business. Everyone up there is just trying to sway you. Take it into consideration. Not saying anyone is a liar but this here is fact we must evaluate.

Senator VanDenburgh: I know there has been a lot of talk tonight saying we should represent our constituents that voted for Josh Silva, we need to make sure that there are safe environments for the people that work underneath them and when we hear someone, the individual that felt so bad they contemplated suicide, they wanted people to know how they felt. We need to consider the environment that has been created. We have to serve other people but we also have to look at how we can make this a healthy environment. Can we play the interview from last night on CTV?

Senator Huber: So I have been taking notes so bear with me. I have been seeing through this whole thing that everyone is making appeals to emotion, we are not here to think about personal feelings but evidence. Also, echoing previous speakers, the evidence is the most important thing and not personal character references, evidence is something tangible that we can look through and make opinions for yourself. When there is conflict between evidence and personal testimony hold up the evidence. I have talked to some of my constituents who have been saying breaking rules is grounds for impeachment and so we must think about what they want not what we want. To bring in my personal stuff, when someone is making someone feel unsafe, drained, etc. We need to stop and take that person out of the situation because that is unacceptable.

Senator Fearn: To the committee, regarding the text that starts, “Hey I really would have appreciated you not sharing the deal” can you give me some more contexts to these texts at all?

Deputy Chief Justice Crowdis: Our sole job is to provide evidence it is up to you to connect the dots.

Senator Sullivan: Senate, thank you very much for letting me speak. I know we have waited a long time to get this packet and frankly this is a disappointment. The pages are not numbered, the items not numbered, that when we asked for an explanation of the format we were not explained to. We were supposed to be able to use this to decide but now have more questions than answers. What I know is that Josh spent no money, no contracts were signed, is that impeachable, that is hard to say. Everything else we discussed is not germane. I frankly cannot be the only Senator who does not understand this. There have been some comments on emotion. This has absolutely been emotion. What did you all suggest for charges?

Deputy Chief Justice Crowdis: As I said previously we do not have the authority to give sanctions out.

Senator Rambo-Cromer: I am fairly new to senate but since being here there has been such a negative tension here that has been just degrading. If we are going to uphold that for the President we must hold it for everyone. Do not be swayed by other people’s opinions. We have the evidence before us and must rule based on the evidence here before us. I came from a community that believed if you didn’t like someone you grew up and lived with that person. If someone is thinking of hurting themselves physically, it can’t happen that way, it just needs to stop. If we are presenting ourselves with this negative energy, how can we expect to do well? We need to get back to our roots, to think maturely. It needs to be from the hard evidence before us.

Senator Martin: Alright, So, I'm going to try really hard to be clear since I have been having trouble being irritated. I keep hearing we didn't understand it we couldn't read it. If you can't read it learn to dissect, learn to evaluate. In this text about "not sharing the information on the Wall Street Journal" this shows to me this person knew they did something wrong and wanted to lobby support to save themselves, looking at allegations (Reads all the allegations) (A violation of section 302....)

Senator Henshaw: Point of information, is the court hearing Senator Martin addressing struck from the record?

Chief Justice Anderson: The way we did hearings last year was very different so that first hearing is null and void but what is provided to you in this document can all be used.

Senator Martin: So, these are the actual minutes from ASCSU, I am trying to remember from what meeting, but the one regarding the Wall Street Journal presentation. "President Silva: We decided to put it on hold... it is a good learning lesson for us" shows there is a problem with communication, one of the texts "we promised we would be honest and really this makes me feel betrayed" "Is josh still being weird to you really" (Reads rest of text message from summer) Also references one about "Putting out fires" (an anonymous statement to the supreme court also discusses the bad interactions that President Silva attacked the personal character of his staff members and did not feel comfortable breaking any rules for him and received negative responses for not being willing to do that.) So, I think I should reiterate what previous speakers have been saying. We have a problem where people feel like they cannot come to work, where they feel unsafe, where we have to support people for just coming forward and speaking the truth. I am sorry, I am sorry, but I came here to do work for students. Over the past few months I have been trying to foster an environment to make people feel safe, not just to mention the personal stuff that I need to do. The fact that people feel unsafe that this is happening clearly in the evidence? What! If we ignore this, of the concerns for safety of the people that work for us, how can we serve our students? I won't tell you how to vote, but think about this, the humanitarian issues, the work related issues. I ask you to look to think, where do you want this organization to go?

Senator Williams: Quick announcement, to those of you waiting to speak, we have started a secondary speakers list so that explains if you are waiting. It is now 10:45 so if any of you need to leave

Senator Henshaw: Regarding the internal complaint what were the recommendations by the court regarding the violations found by the court?

Chief Justice Anderson: They are at the bottom of the page.

Senator Henshaw: (Reads bottom of page regarding October 3rd court hearing) is there a place you can point to in this evidence that the defendant further violated or there were allegations that I can also find within that court review?

Chief Justice Anderson: We put that in there just in case there was another infraction to show that further infractions would be much more severe.

Senator Henshaw: Thank you, there are a few things to consider. There is 1) the personal elements relating to culture and 2) the Wall Street Journal contract. I think there is, we can decide whether the Wall Street Journal is determined an impeachable offense or not. I think a lot of people are focusing on

the personal story. Is there any evidence in here that shows remorse in the defendant regarding the impact on others?

Deputy Chief Justice Crowdis: The evidence you were given is what we are providing, we cannot draw the lines.

Senator Williams: Remember you may invite the defendants to the floor.

Senator Henshaw: At the end of the court hearing you recommend the President attend a workshop to be completed by the end of the fall semester. Has that workshop been attended?

Chief Justice Anderson: No documentation has been received.

[Motion: To bring President Silva to the floor, by placard, passed 22-0-0]

Senator Henshaw: I re-ask my question, does the motion stand after my speaking time?

Chair Brown: The document states that you can bring the question as long as you continue questioning the respondent.

Senator Henshaw: Have you attended the workshop Josh?

President Silva: I have not attended it yet because I wanted to see how this blows over and I talked with the student resolution center about setting that up.

Senator Henshaw: This is going to touch on my earlier comment, there are some things that have hurt offended or upset other people in this organization. What do you feel is your responsibility for causing that harm and if this were to as you say “blow over” how you would make that right.

President Silva: Repeat the question please?

Senator Henshaw: How do you deem your responsibility for that injury?

President Silva: There is no question across branches that there is a lot of hurt and negativity that we all have felt for the past 12 weeks, on my part, I think, I said this in the hearing that I attended, my kind of original sin if you will was, honestly being president and being the leader and head of the body, when you are leader you make these assumptions. I made the assumption I got this deal in place, I don't believe it breaks the constitution I don't believe it does this stuff, and we have funds in these two line items. I was convinced in my head that funding this through the two departments was fine, but the perception to reality wasn't there. There is hurt, how do we bridge those differences.

Senator Henshaw: I want to clarify I am talking about more than the Wall Street Journal contract, they have a little bit of different implications, and can you focus more on the additional interpersonal conflicts. The hurt that you caused other people, the intention behind that and what in your mind lead up to that.

President Silva: An article in the collegian today talks about ASCSU being a space for discussion and debate and what I contributed is that when you are the president I don't just get to be mad at my friends. Honestly there are things I could have said better, the individual in the text message, I should have called them or sent a text earlier and things just like that coupled with the impeachment petition

starting in the first week contributed a lot to the negativity. I felt terrified to speak out and that's why I didn't write anything to the collegian. When this started walls were put up.

Senator Henshaw: To clarify you think this was caused by learning curves related to power dynamics and that some of those solutions were exacerbated by the petition, is that accurate?

President Silva: Yes, absolutely because I can give you a great example, it is not a secret that the Speaker and I have a not so great relationship that we would have sat down and talked about that had this petition not occurred.

Senator Henshaw: How have you addressed these issues within your leadership and communication style, they still seem pretty raw and fresh so what have you been doing since you found out people feel this way.

President Silva: To me, I know if my core team it caused a lot of hurt and division as I see it in the journal deal it was fine. I could have done a better job not just ramming it forward and not listening to the objections of my staff. After the U+2 study was finished and I put forward some money to get that up to a round number and before I did that I went and called Hanna directly to ensure it was alright and talked to Cole and Baylee and Michael in the office and asked if you had any concerns and they said they did not.

Senator Henshaw: To clarify again, I am asking about the conflicts outside this Wall Street Journal deal.

President Silva: I view the proceedings as ASCSUs chance for a fresh start and heeding those concerns for better or worse addressing those conflicts or differences a lot earlier on. There are those that have spoken up about being uncomfortable in this office and I know I feel the same way in that that affected my sleep, health and studies and I would not like to see that continued. I don't want them to feel that the retaliation, the intimidation or OEO card will be thrown at them and we need to get some ground rules on how we communicate even if that means that we have advisers in the room.

Senator Henshaw: You would want to start more of an open dialogue with your cabinet and this Senate, is that accurate?

President Silva: Yes, involving advisers, all the stakeholders.

Senator Williams: I have asked that regarding the statement of the suicide that you use the language and pronouns used in the evidence.

Senator Gessaman: So this may seem strange, is it our job to deal with these HR issues? There was a bylaws violation, but my question would be there are other investigations going on to handle these?

Senator Williams: Who are you asking?

Senator Gessaman: Is it our duty to deal with interpersonal relationships?

Senator Williams: Based on the charges yes.

Senator Gessaman: So they do not have to be specific to a bylaws violation?

Chief Justice Anderson: Can you ask that one more time?

Senator Gessaman: Is it our issue to dig into these interpersonal issues?

Chief Justice Anderson: Yes usually OEO would be dealing that, we are considering the part of whether individuals were professional.

[Motion: To bring the respondent for questioning, by placard, passed 21-1-0]

Senator Rathburn: So, briefly, I am in a management class and we are discussing leadership and one of the things is to know your employees and what they think. It is clear to me that many of them see you as a leader because you help them with their own work, but what I'm asking is how are you as president, not just leader for executive but the other two branches, what is your plan to be seen as a leader in these branches?

President Silva: You are so right, to me it really starts, speaker brown and I had a productive conversation about this today. We have had these 12 weeks where these walls were put up and after this is over the door will be open to have these conversations and I will be so open to having those one on one discussions and my door is open for that.

Senator Rathburn: Do you have any plans with this future retreat?

President Silva: Speaker Brown and I had a great idea for the legislative advisory board and just to think U+2 was a great example of an idea brought forward and supported by multiple branches. I don't know if Edgar is here but he and I had a great discussion about starting a scholarship for undeclared students. I want to put out that message of being sorry and talking about what I contributed to this mess.

Senator Khan: What do you think about the complaints the court found you guilty for?

President Silva: I think some of them are fair, could I have sent a text at 8 PM or called, could I have gone above and beyond about presenting the Wall Street Journal contract, yeah. There are charges I might not agree with but I need to respect that.

Senator Quintana: I am sorry about the organization I know you all did alright! After doing the research and also noting that the impeachment petition regarding that officials shall not speak for all members of ASCSU and the production of an executive proclamation without other officials, the Parliamentarian Vaishampayan states that the president did not ask to have the proclamation sent out as it was just a draft he had no intention of making, is this about the Wall Street Journal?

President Silva: This a proclamation regarding the forever green shirts.

Senator Quintana: Can you give me your definition of integrity?

President Silva: You do what you would do if no one was watching. You know there may be consequences but it does not matter because of your convictions.

Senator Quintana: Did you know over the summer you needed approval for the Wall Street Journal contract?

President Silva: Yes the constitution says that any contract must be presented before signed. Yes the first session was the community welcome walk and the one we could present at was August 30th.

Senator Quintana: This document says it was signed August 14th and I know we didn't get anything in Senate? Also looking at the emails and reading them it does seem like you gave Marry Rose the idea that ASCSU in general was committed to this project before we even approved of it? I questioned integrity because I don't think it is integrity at all. You saying quote that we can commit funds is very misleading.

Senator VanDenburgh: Okay, so I can organize my thoughts a bit better, and to address concerns with our discussion, we have been dismissive to call it just emotions, to say they are just being emotional, when they are being very clearly mistreated, abused even as we saw in testimony and the text messages. I think calling it emotions can be dismissive as it really is deeper to establish patterns of behavior. This is hard since I have had positive interactions with Josh, but I can't ignore what is before me. Even if on the surface they seem nice, there is this cultural moment that shows people can be really different to others. In the text message we see a controlling behavior and we as a body should question how this affects others and to take these seriously since it has been dismissed in our society for this long. I feel bad speaking up, but in light of everything, in light of the evidence that there is a pattern of behavior, it is my duty to speak up and create a more comfortable environment.

Senator Sherif: Good evening Ram Family, ok, I just like to open with a quote, I am for truth no matter who tells it and justice no matter who it is against. Before coming here today we had all heard rumors and needed to wait for evidence to confirm or deny and to offer definitions for those infractions. I would advise the weight of the evidence that was supposed to be redacted. To speak as a scientist since I know a lot about science but not so much about politics, I recognize there is information that should have been redacted and be dealt with by OEO. It should not be allowed to skew our formation fo thoughts since it injects a lot of emotion into the room. So please take into account the buzzwords that were made and left out in personal statements here and ones that were introduced in data that should have been redacted. We must scrutinize this process and hold each other to the same standards and to make a just decision. With that I would like to close with a quote, the real patience is at the first stroke of a calamity.

[Motion: To exhaust the speakers list, by acclimation, passed]

Senator Cheadle: Well as we draw to a close here, I think it is clear constitutionally what has been happening here. I respect everything previous speaker has just said. I have a hard time understanding emotion so I stick to procedure, but no matter how much I can't comprehend it, I must ask, where do we draw this line, before or after these thoughts could be carried out.

Senator Lindell: Can the Supreme Court recommend impeachment?

Chief Justice Anderson: No.

Senator Lindell: Additionally the hearing did not address professionalism charges?

Chief Justice Anderson: Yes the majority only addressed Wall Street Journal but one professionalism charge.

Senator Lindell: Previous speakers mentioned our president wanting to have an invisible hand in many of our departments I worry about this. Josh Silva has come up many times now and said this is a mistake. The difference between Murder and Manslaughter is intent. Many people warned him that this was unconstitutional but still moved forward, that there was secrecy in those texts, the memo

congratulating himself. This is a repeating pattern of behavior that shows this is no single mistake. We should have seen change, we should have seen an apology. We have seen none of this. Additionally, people have brought up that this should be addressed by OEO, but we must seize the opportunity within professionalism to address this within our constitution in a way not interfering with the OEO investigation. The pure professional breach described tonight, goes to show that this, a personal matter that creates a toxic culture with mountains of evidence show, we cannot afford to leave this individual in this space. It becomes our job to deal with, especially when we realize it might be too late. We must take action while we have the opportunity to take action.

Senator Sherif: Point of information, can the committee clarify their intent to redact that information?

Chief Justice Anderson: As I mentioned do to the severity it was an accident but being that it is not a protected class, but the severity should not be used.

Senator Lindell: Whether it was not to be redacted or not, we must decide if we can condone the actions of our leader or for anyone. I don't think we ought to let it slide.

Senator Bunting: So I had a weird goal coming into this, I wanted to come in with viewpoint neutral and to come in to hear what people and evidence has to say. You as a committee collected a surprising amount even with the organization which is understandable. I have to agree with Josh that we can't just ignore the personal, the evidence always takes priority as a Senator. When I signed the petition my goals was that we could get to the point to meet and discuss this. We have met that goal. I do advocate for the impeachment of Josh Silva, as a neutral actor evaluating the evidence. We are a family as Tristan said, but we are also survivors, but beyond that, in that TV show, when a member comes to a point that they harm an individual or fails to do their job they are kicked out of the island. I know that is a horrible analogy but I know we must consider this from the perspectives of everyone on campus. We have a camera there. I don't know how many of us are watching this or how many people comment. But what we decide tonight, what we do determines how we are seen. With all that has been said, all that has been seen, we must evaluate how everyone here, and Beyond! Would evaluate this. We have students across the world and so we must try out best to look at us the best we do. I know everyone that came here tonight, by the end of this we can still maintain our family-survivor relationship.

[Motion: For 15 minute recess after exhaustion of the list, placard, 23-0-0, passed]

[Motion: To bring president Silva to the floor, by placard, 23-0-0, passed]

Senator Martin: I have two quick questions, you said if you could go back and fix it you would, why you didn't.

President Silva: The timing of those things and the impeachment caused me to be afraid, a wall was put up and I didn't want to say anything. I really wish I had and I am sorry I didn't.

Senator Martin: Earlier you said you didn't talk to the collegian about the impeachment, I wanted to understand this interview you did last night to come out swinging?

President Silva: It's been 12 weeks of my academics plummeting and having to continue to come into work and know that the minute I walk in there is a group of people that see me as corrupt and feeling physically, mentally and emotionally awful, and hearing the rumor mill in the office, I figured its Tuesday night the night before the impeachment vote, what do I have to lose, this process has no symmetry of

being able to speak out. Countless individuals some from town some not, came to testify and somehow those opinions to me, have been treated as less valid because maybe they aren't a member of the Senate, long story short I said, what do I have to lose, I am sorry it got to this there has been a disconnect between the students, supreme court, and BOG and what this body believes. So if impeachment overruling everybody else on this campus wants what is it to stop you?

Senator Martin: Why then did you state you have no interaction.

President Silva: I didn't go out till Tuesday.

Vote to Impeach President Silva

Senator Williams: At this time if all voting senators could please come to the body. The final portion shall be handled by Speaker Brown as I am a voting member.

Chair Brown: Do you want me to explain the procedures now or after the break? After the break, okay we will now take a 15 minute break.

/Senate Recesses/ 11:49 PM 11/15/17

/Senate Reconvenes/ 12:05 AM 11/16/17

Chair Brown: We will be taking a roll call then the ballots will be placed in your hands and validated by our adviser. A yes vote, means yes for impeachment, a no vote means no for impeachment and abstention means neither and does not count towards the total vote count. I read a lot of Roberts rules to ensure this is done properly, ballots must not be folded together, ballots without a vote are abstentions, when done place them in this box. After they are all taken lance and Pam will count twice and I shall check a third count and immediately after the vote is taken we will adjourn. Please maintain decorum as you exit.

(Adviser Norris and Adviser Wright distribute ballots for secret vote)

(Ballots placed in box, speaker asks if any are missing, no response)

(Ballots doubly counted by advisers)

(Ballots also checked 3rd time by advisers and speaker)

Senator Henshaw: Point of clarification, what are we supposed to do with this evidence?

Chair Brown: It is public info do as you please.

[Vote: To impeach President Josh Silva, by secret ballot, 22-4-0 passed]

/End of Minutes/ 12:17 AM 11/16/17