



Student Government Association

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO **DENVER**

IMPEACHMENT OPINION

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On February 12th The Student Government Association Chief of Staff initiated impeachment proceedings against Director of Events, Camila Cosentino. In the impeachment form, Chief of Staff Bachman cited a lack of attendance at Senate Meetings, asserting that Director Cosentino has not met the attendance requirements outlined in the SGA Constitution and Bylaws. As a result, the Student Government Association has a duty to impeach Director Cosentino for failing to comply with the organization's foundational documents.

IT IS THE OPINION OF THE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE, that Director Camila Cosentino be impeached, contingent upon a 2/3 vote of the Senate. Her failure to meet the attendance expectations for Senate and committee meetings has hindered the efficiency of the Public Relations committee and the functioning of the Student Government Association.

The University of Colorado Denver Student Government Association is funded by student fees. As a result, standards have been established to ensure that all staff members of SGA are working in the best interest of the student body and making efficient use of said fees. As the Judicial Committee, it is our responsibility to uphold these expectations with utmost excellence, ensuring that we serve the student body to the best of our capacity.

SGA has enacted policies that include an Absence Policy outlined in Article III section E of the Senate Bylaws, stating that “If an SGA member incurs three (3) unexcused absences in one academic term, they will be subject to disciplinary action by the Senate. In the case of impeachment, the Senate shall follow Article VIII of the CU Denver SGA Constitution”. Director Cosentino has failed to attend spring training, and every Senate meeting since the start of the semester without submitting an absence form. This constitutes a direct violation of the Official Documents that we have pledged to uphold.

Furthermore, every SGA elected officer takes an oath, committing to “be an active and participating member in the Student Government Association” and “serve the student body as their voice, representing them to the utmost of my ability”. Director Cosentino has been unable to fulfill said responsibilities to the Student Government Association and the student body, and her consistent lack of involvement in all SGA-related activities constitutes a serious breach of this oath.

Moreover, every officer elected or appointed to serve within the Student Government Association is subject to the conditions outlined in Article II: Qualifications for Office of the

Constitution. Section B of Article II states that "Undergraduate students must be degree-seeking and enrolled in a minimum of six (6) credit hours for the duration of their term." Director Cosentino does not meet the requirements to hold a Student Government position.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that as a result of impeachment, Camila Cosentino may be removed from her position as Director of Events effective upon a 2/3 majority vote and subsequent ratification from President and Vice President.

Ratified by the Judicial Committee: [February 28th, 2024]

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