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Student Government Association

APPEAL PETITION

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Name of Appellant: Jacob Rossi **Phone Number:** [REDACTED] **Email:** [REDACTED]

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Name:next. Student Senate Speaker Pro-Tempore Courtney Crews **Phone Number:**erxt.
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Facts

On November 16, 2017 I received an email from Speaker Pro-Tempore of the Texas A&M Student Senate Courtney Crews notifying me that I had been expelled from the Texas A&M Student Senate for violating the Senate's attendance policy. Upon receiving this email I reached out to Speaker Crews in order to find out the reason for my removal. She quickly commented that I had reached 7 unexcused absences due to not attending a meeting for the Student Senate Finance Committee, which I was unaware of. Earlier, on November 8, 2017, she explained to me that I had 5 absences total. I believe she added two more absences but I cannot confirm this to be true since I have been locked out of the Google Drive account that displays the attendance record of the Student Senators. Regardless, if true this

is clearly a violation of the attendance policy which explains **(2) Members of these committees who miss a meeting without excuse will receive one (1) unexcused absence.** I should only have had one absence added to the record instead of 2. I still have not received access to the closed Google Drive as and am unable to view my attendance record to dispute this alleged constitutional violation. Furthermore, I have not received the opportunity to erase this absence, afforded to sitting senators, due to his unconstitutional removal from the senate body. Such opportunities as outlined in the Student Government Association Constitution *Article 4 Section 6 subsection a. A senator shall have an unexcused absence removed from his or her record if he or she completes two (2) hours of tabling on days established by the Constituency Affairs Chair.* Also *Article 4 Section 6 Subsection A. A senator may also have an unexcused absence removed from his or her record if he or she talk with two (2) different organization that have students from Texas A&M University as members. They can be on or off campus organization. Senators must receive a signature and contact info (either phone number or email) from a member of that organization or proof of meeting. The Constituency Affairs Chair should verify that they have attended these meetings with the organization.* Furthermore, Speaker Crews denied me the right to erase these absences because I was no longer a member of the Student Senate.

Constitutional/Statutory Citations

That leads me to my main constitutional objection. I was removed from the Student Senate too early and without due process. Speaker Crews failed failed to provide me with the required 48 hours notice before removing me from office. This action is in clear violation of *section II. Absence Policy Enforcement Procedures (a) If the Speaker Pro-Tempore is unable to contact a Senator in violation of the absence policy by phone or email within forty-eight (48) hours after the sixth unexcused absence, this officer shall announce this Senator as having been removed from their seat and their seat announced as a vacancy.* Speaker Crews acted unconstitutionally because she expelled me in the same email that notified me of my alleged constitutional violation. As a result I was denied the right to due process in order to appeal and erase this alleged constitutional infraction. I was also denied the right to appeal this absence to the Internal Affairs Committee, a right given to the a Student Senator under Article 4, Section 6, Subsection B **An absence that the Officers of the Senate deem of merit. All such excused absences must be approved by a majority vote of the Internal Affairs Committee.** I am seeking a formal written apology from Speaker Crews and the restoration of my record to reflect 5 absences and reinstatement into the Texas A&M Student Senate for the 70th session.