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7	ENDORSEMENTS:	PRESIDENT RANEEM SHAMSELDIN			
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9		Be It Enacted by the Illinois Student Government, an Act			
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11		Articles of Impeachment: CoDI Chair Andrew Minik			
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13		ding to Title I, Article 7, Section 1 of the Register, members of the Illinois			
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19		s 1, 4, 6, and 9 of the Code of Ethics outlined in the <i>Register</i> state the following:			
20		1. All members of the Government shall work consistently for the betterment of the organization,			
21	•	nd the campus as a whole.			
22	4. All members shall maintain a respectful decorum of fellow members of the Government, the				
23	student body, and members of the campus community.				
2425		all strive to maintain a welcoming environment for any individual regardless of			
26	opinion or backgro	thes of this Code of Ethics shall constitute an impeachable offense.			
27	9. Consistent ofeac	nes of this Code of Ethics shall constitute an impeachable offense.			
28	WHEREAS Com	mittee on Diversity and Inclusion Chair Andrew Minik has demonstrated a			
29		to complete his respective duties as Chair of the Committee			
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31	WHEREAS Com	mittee on Diversity and Inclusion Chair Andrew Minik has demonstrated			
32	•	s of points 1, 4, and 6 of the code of ethics, representing an impeachable offense.;			
33	Therefore:	of points 1, 1, and 0 of the code of cames, representing an impedentable offense.,			
34	Therefore.				
35	BE IT RESOLVE	D, The Senate of the Illinois Student Government formally submits these			
36	Articles of Impeachment to the Chief Justice of the Illinois Student Government; and,				
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38	BE IT FURTHER	RESOLVED, that the Senate requests the Judiciary follow procedures for			
39	removal outlined in Title I, Article VII, Section III of the Register; And,				
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41	BE IT FINALLY	RESOLVED, that the Senate request the Judiciary take into consideration the			

case and evidence outlined in the these articles.



43	Arti	cle 1: Formal Impeachment Case filed on behalf of the Senate of the Illinois		
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48 49		Citle I, Article VII, Section 3 of the Register, the Judiciary must review these unamendable es of impeachment presented by a 2/3rds or greater majority of the Senate and enter into		
50	proce	edures outlined therein. Section 3. Procedure		
	27	A. The process of removal for the President, the Vice President, Chief of Staff, the Treasurer, the		
	28	Speaker of the Senate, the Director of the Senate, Student Senators, Subcommittee Chairs, and		
	29	Committee Chairs shall occur in this order, except for when the attendance policy has been		
	30	violated, where not in conflict with the Constitution:		
	31	1. Presentation to the Chief Justice of articles of impeachment via Act of the Senate		
	32	adopted with concurrence of at least two-thirds of Senators present with the express		
	33	justification of unamendable charges, with two-thirds (2/3) vote of Student Senators,		
	34	which shall become unamendable upon their presentation;		
	35	The Chief Justice shall schedule a hearing no less than one (1) week after the		
	36	presentation of the petition, and no more than two (2) weeks;		
	37	3. The individual in question shall be given at least seventy-two (72) hours notice before		
	38	the hearing;		
	39 40	 During the hearing, the Chief Justice shall read the impeachment charges, and allow for the individual in question or their designee to provide a defense. Once the charges, 		
	41	defense, and evidence have been considered, the Justices shall vote on a recommendation		
51	42	and upon reaching a majority vote of a decision, the Chief Justice shall communicate to		
-	1	the Speaker of the Senate and the Director of the Senate (the other should one be the		
	2	individual impeached) the recommendation of the Judiciary;		
	3	If a Senator is found in violation of attendance policy the process of removal shall		
	4	occur in this order:		
	5	 a. If a Student Senator violates the attendance policy, as stated in Title III Article 		
	6	V Section 7, the Student Senator may be removed by an act approved by the		
	7	majority vote of the Assembly;		
	8	 Should the Senator be removed, the Director of the Senate shall notify the 		
	9	Chief of Staff, who shall contact the removed Student Senator in writing within		
	10	twenty-four (24) hours; and		

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Section 2: Action Sought

The Senate of the Illinois Student Government formally requests that Committee on Diversity and Inclusion (CoDI) Chair Andrew Minik be removed from his position and his membership

Judiciary within seven (7) days of receiving notice of removal.

c. Any Student Senator removed may appeal the finding of good cause to the

- within the organization be fully revoked. It is the opinion of the Senate that Chair Minik has demonstrated violations of points 1 and 2 of Title I, Article VII, Section 1 of the Register.
 - 11 Article VII. Removal
 - 12 Section 1. Justification
 - 13 A. Members of the Illinois Student Government should only be removed for any combination of
 - 14 the following reasons:
 - 1. A consistent inability to complete their respective duties as defined in the *Constitution*
 - and this *Register*;
 - 2. A consistent and/or deliberate breach of the Code of Ethics;
 - 18 3. The creation of a hostile working environment within the organization;
 - 19 4. Defamation of the organization as a whole; and
 - 5. Violation of the attendance policy in Title III Article IV Section 7, should the member
 - be a Student Senator of the ISG.

Section 3: Facts of the Case

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- 1. CoDI Chair Minik, in his capacity within the student government, disclosed confidential correspondence to a group actively making the campus environment unwelcoming (Turning Point USA's "Building the Wall: A Memorial for Victims of Illegal Immigration" event) leading to the public shaming and harassment of members of the campus community. This is in violation of points 1, 4, and 6 of the code of ethics.
- 2. CoDI Chair Minik actively participated in Turning Point USA's event, creating a hostile environment towards undocumented members of our campus community. This is also in violation of points 1, 4, and 6 of the code of ethics.
- 3. CoDI Chair Minik has, on multiple occasions, failed to distribute packets, notify the cancellation of committees, and has acted with bias in his role as chair in several instances. These actions run counter to the duties of a committee chair outlined in Title III, Article IV, Section 2 of the register.
- 4. CoDI Chair Minik has failed to submit a statistical report of the diversity of the government by the February deadline outlined in Title III, Article VII, Section 8 of the Register.

Section 4: Claims and Evidence of Wrongdoing

- 1. Article 2 of this Act outlines Minik's failings as a chair with supporting evidence provided therein.
- 2. Article 3 of this Act outlines Minik's deliberate violations of the code of ethics with supporting evidence provided therein.

Section 5: Closing Summary

The claims and evidence outlined in these articles indicate that Minik has shown incompetence, laziness, and dereliction of duty as chair, as well as an intolerant and downright racist attitude that has no place within the Illinois Student Government, and especially the Committee on Diversity and Inclusion. The continued presence of Minik within his current position would not only be a farce, but a miscarriage of justice. Therefore the Senate urges his removal effective immediately.

Article 2: Deliberate Violations of the Code of Ethics

Chair Minik has demonstrated consistent violations of the Register's code of ethics. In summary, in his capacity as the Chair of the Committee on Diversity and Inclusion in tandem with his executive board position in the University of Illinois chapter of Turning Point USA, Chair Minik has failed to (1) maintain a respectful decorum of fellow members of the campus community, (2) maintain a welcoming environment for any individual regardless of opinion or background, and (3) work consistently for the betterment of the organization, the student body, and the campus as a whole.

The evidence for this arose through Minik's involvement in Turning Point USA's "Building the Wall: A Memorial for Victims of Illegal Immigration" event, held on the University of Illinois Main Quad on March 15th, 2018. (Indicated Below)



Minik's attendance at this clearly discriminatory event is indicated by his quotation from the News-Gazette (http://www.news-gazette.com/news/local/2018-03-15/protesters-converge-ui-quad-student-conservatives-build-wall.html)

Most of all, said Andrew Minik, president of the UI's TPUSA chapter, the organization is seeking to have a dialogue about what he called an "immigration crisis."

"We want to call attention to the pitfalls of this broken system," he said. "So it's upsetting that they're barricading us. But we're used to disruption and harassment."

Turning Point made local headlines last October, when its founder — Breitbart News contributor Charlie Kirk — visited the UI to kick off a "Melting Snowflakes and Smashing Socialism" campus speaking tour.

This event runs counter to the values of Diversity and Inclusion this organization and the University of Illinois have committed to. Its intent is to create a false equivalence, placing the blame of individual crimes on the shoulders of all undocumented immigrants. The event and its message paints undocumented students with a broad, bigoted, brush and hopes to seed anti-immigrant resentment within the University Community.

In addition to his contributions to this event, Minik also disclosed an email sent to him in his capacity as the Chair of the Committee on Diversity and Inclusion to members of Turning Point USA, who proceeded to publicly shame and harass that student on social media.

The Day prior to TPUSA's event on the quad, Nancy M. Ramirez-Blancas, an employee at the La Casa Cultural Center, President of the Illinois Coalition in Assisting Undocumented Students' Education, and a recent author and participant within the Illinois Student Government, sent an email to Chair Minik, expressing her concern over Turning Point USA's event.

136 Exhibit A: (Sent Week of 3/14/18)

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Nancy Ramirez-Blancas < nancymr2@illinois.edu>

Date: Wed, Mar 14, 2018 at 3:00 AM

Subject: PLEASE HELP!!
To: minik2@illinois.edu

Hello,

I am a former student at UIUC! I am an undocumented student with DACA status. I was unable to attend school this semester due to my inability to afford the school. I am currently working to pay off last semester's tuition. I wanted to urge you, anyone, somebody to please stop an event occurring in a few days. There's a Facebook event going around owned by Turning Point USA's UIUC branch called: "Building the Wall: A Memorial for Victims of Illegal Immigration".

They are planning to "build a wall" on the Quad on Thursday the 15th. This is not acceptable and I feel completely powerless to stop this!! Last year there was a similar event with the Illini Republicans. As co-founder of I-CAUSE (Illinois Coalition Assisting Undocumented Students Education) a service and advocacy organization that works in solidarity with the undocumented community, focusing primarily on equal secondary educational opportunities for all students, regardless of legal status. We work to educate the University of Illinois and the community about issues of DACA/undocumented students, educational access, and immigration. We intervene with the Illini Republicans and had a meeting in which we discussed why an event like this is very harmful to individuals and students like myself. After an hour long conversation with them, they were able to cancel the event.

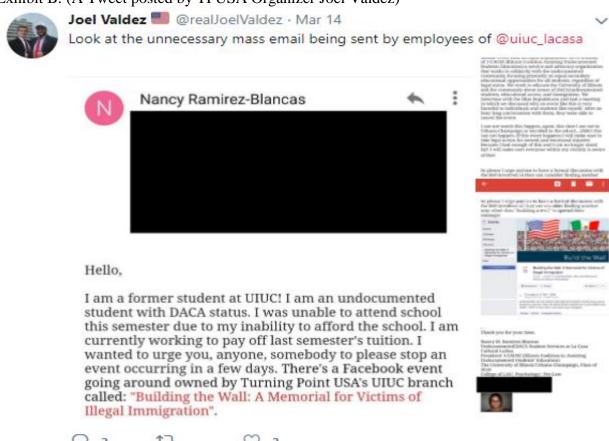
I can not watch this happen, again. this time I am not in Urbana-Champaign or enrolled in the school....OMG! this can not happen. If this event happens I will make sure to take legal action for mental and emotional injuries! Because I had enough of this and I can no longer stand by!! I will make sure everyone within my vicinity is aware of this!

So please I urge anyone to have a formal discussion with the RSO involved so they can consider finding another way other than "building a wall" to spread their message!

137 138 139 140 141	Instead of responding to the message, Minik instead forwarded it to members of Turning Point
142	USA, who proceeded to post the email on social media, with the inclusion of Ramirez-Blancas'
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Exhibit B: (A Tweet posted by TPUSA Organizer Joel Valdez)



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Valdez's twitter account boasts 2,600 followers, all of whom were signaled to target Ramirez-Blancas upon this tweet's posting. The tweet was taken down soon after for violating Twitter's terms of service, having been reported for harassment.

The distribution of this email to students outside of the organization and the resulting breach of privacy and hostility constitute serious ethical violations by Chair Minik. The explicit targeting of an undocumented member of the campus community not only compounds the malicious intent of Turning Point USA's event, but also constitutes violations of points 1, 4, and 6 of the code of ethics within the Register.

In regards to point one, by working to undermine, harass, and demonize undocumented students, Minik has decidedly worked against the betterment of our campus as a whole.

165 166	In regards to point four, Minik has failed to maintain a respectful decorum, both in and outside of his committee, through both participation in this event and the targeting of Ramirez-Blancas by
167 168	internet trolls.
169 170	In regards to point six, again, by both organizing and participating in a prejudicial event designed to target undocumented members of the campus community, and through the explicit targeting of
171 172	Ramirez-Blancas in his role as Chair of the Committee on Diversity and Inclusion, Minik has failed to maintain a welcoming environment for any individual regardless of opinion or background.
173 174 175	These violations constitute a "consistent and/or deliberate breach of the Code of Ethics" indicated in Title I, Article 7, Section 1 of the Register, and therefore justify removal from the organization.
176 177	Regardless of the Judiciary's assessment of Article 3 of this case, the evidence presented within Article 2 should satisfy the requirements for removal.
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Committee on Diversity and Inclusion Chair Andrew Minik has consistently failed to complete the duties of his position, specifically failing to hold regular meetings as well as failing to submit a report on Diversity before the deadline outlined in Title III, Article VII, Section 8 of the Register. According to the section (indicated directly below) a report on the diversity of each branch of the government is supposed to be submitted by the final general meeting in February.

- 8 Section 8. Committee on Diversity and Inclusion
- 9 A. This Committee shall deal with issues directly related to inclusion of and discrimination
- 10 towards students of all minority statuses on campus, including but not limited to those related to
- 11 race, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, ability status, gender, socioeconomic class, and
- 12 veteran status.
- 13 B. This Committee and its Chair shall advise the Executive Branch and the Senate Leadership
- 14 Council on statements related to diversity and inclusion as requested.
- 15 C. This Committee shall survey the Illinois Student Government and present a report including:
- Statistics on the diversity of each branch of the government;
- An overview of the year's diversity efforts of the organization; and
- Recommendations for the next assembly to be more representative. This report shall be
 introduced at the last February meeting of the General Assembly each year.

As of the submission of these articles, a report has still not been written, a month after the due date required by our governing documents.

Additionally, Minik has failed in numerous instances to perform the duties of his position outlined within Title III, Article IV, Section 2 of the Register, outlined below.

- 38 Section 2. General Provisions of Committees
- 39 A. Each committee chair shall serve as the presiding officer of their respective committee.
- 40 B. Each committee chair shall have advisory power to appoint their own members.
- 41 C. Each committee chair shall be responsible for:
- Preparing agendas for their respective committee;
- Maintaining records of their respective committee;

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- 3. Submitting written recommendations to the Director of the Senate on acts approved for
 action by the committee, which should include, at minimum, the vote of the committee
 and a statement from the committee;
- 4 4. Making periodic oral presentations to inform the Assembly of the actions of the committee;
- 5. Appointing a member of the committee to serve as presiding officer in their absence;
 and
- 8 6. Appointing a member of the committee during regular meetings to take minutes.

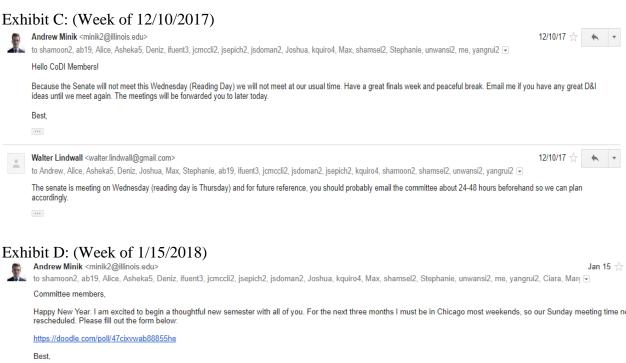
There are several documented instances of CoDI Chair Minik failing to distribute the packet 24-48 hours prior to committee meetings, and in several cases, either cancelling the meeting directly before its assigned time, or failing to notify the committee of his absence.

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Joshua Krawitz <joshuaa.krawitz@gmail.com>

to Andrew, shamoon2, ab19, Alice, Asheka5, Deniz, ifuent3, jcmccli2, jsepich2, jsdoman2, kquiro4, Max, shamsel2, Stephanie, unwansi2, me, yangrui2, Ciara, Mar 💌

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Just wanted to see if we have decided on when our meeting will be and if there is one tonight? Please let me now.

The meeting did not take place and Joshua's question received no response.

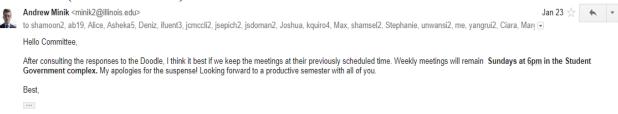
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223 Exhibit E: (Week of 1/23/18)



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Minik proceeded to miss several meetings at this time.

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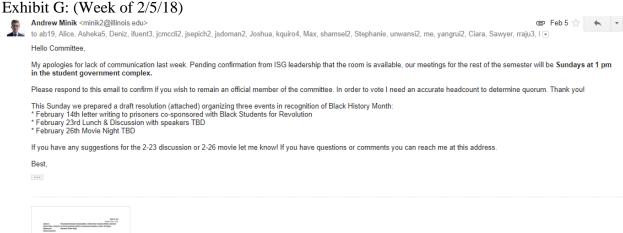
Exhibit F: (Week of 1/28/18)



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This agenda was sent at 5:54pm, directly before the 6:00pm meeting time.

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Minik proceeded to change the time of the committee from 6:00pm to 1:00pm without consultation from members of the committee.

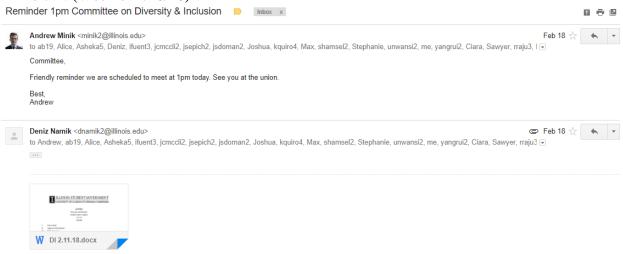
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236 Exhibit H: (Week of 2/18/18)



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The week of this committee meeting, Minik sent a reminder email at 11:52am, roughly an hour prior to the 1:00pm meeting time. He additionally tasked the Vice Chair with the creation and distribution of the committee agenda.

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Exhibit I: (Week of 2/25/18)



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After receiving no packet or notification of a meeting cancellation prior to the set meeting time of 1:00pm, President Shamseldin inquired as to Minik's whereabouts, receiving no reply.

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Exhibit J: (Week of 2/25/18)



Following this lack of responsiveness, President Shamseldin reported to members of the Senate Leadership Committee as well as Senator Lindwall that the Committee on Diversity and Inclusion had not received a packet or notification that the meeting was cancelled.

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Exhibit K: (Week of March 11th)

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Andrew to Deniz

to Deniz, thombre2, ab19, Alice, Asheka5, ifuent3, jcmccli2, jsepich2, jsdoman2, Joshua, kquiro4, Max, shamsel2, Stephanie, unwansi2, me, yangrui2, Clara, Sawy 🕞

Short meeting today. See attached minutes for discussion and photo of the stress globes I brought up last week.

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In an email (Dated roughly three weeks ago), Minik sent a follow up message to the committee. Despite the committee actively working on a major resolution, Minik decided to cut the meeting short, focusing on a stress ball related project.

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As exhibits C through K demonstrate, Minik has shown a clear pattern of irresponsibility in regards to his position within the student government. The failure to produce a statistical report of the diversity of the government, the only unique requirement of the Chair of CoDI, further compounds this finding. This pattern of behavior satisfies the requirements for removal specified in Title I, Article 7, Section 1 of the Register- "1. A consistent inability to complete their respective duties as defined in the *Constitution* and *Register*." Regardless of the Judiciary's assessment of Article 2 of this case, the evidence presented within Article 3 should satisfy the requirements for removal.