

Removal Hearing

On February 21, 2018, the Judicial Council of the Student Government Association held a removal hearing for Justice Benjamin Sanning. Justice Sanning was unanimously impeached by the Senate on February 19, 2018. Justices in attendance at the removal hearing were Chief Justice Hunter Poindexter, Deputy Chief Justice Christian Dichoso, and Justice Tsion Tafari. Justice Sanning elected not to represent himself at the hearing.

Charges

The Senate filed Articles of Impeachment against Justice Sanning on the grounds that he violated Article VII, Section 1, Subsection A, Clause A of the SGA Constitution, which states, “Any member of the SGA that has repeatedly neglected his or her duties or who has committed any act that has brought discredit to the student body, is subject to impeachment. Neglected duties subject to impeachment include, but are not limited to, not fulfilling office hours, acquiring three (3) or more unexcused absences in a semester, and not attending retreats or other mandatory events. The SGA advisor shall determine approved absences.” As well, the Senate filed charges on the grounds that Justice Sanning violated Article IV, Section 1, Subsection C, Clause 2, Subclause B of the Constitution, which states that the members of the Judicial Council, “Shall attend all SGA Retreats during their term of office and shall attend all regularly scheduled meetings of the Student Senate.” According to Secretary of Administration Ethan Losier, Justice Sanning accrued a total of seven (7) unexcused absences, comprised of three absences from missed Senate meetings and four absences from missed office hours.

Decision

After deliberating over the information, Justices Poindexter, Dichoso, and Tafari unanimously voted to remove Justice Sanning from his position, finding him responsible for the aforementioned violations. This decision will take place effective immediately, and in accordance with Article VII, Section 1, Subsection C, Clause 9 of the Constitution, Justice Sanning will be barred from holding any office in the Student Government Association for the remainder of his time as a student at Northern Kentucky University.

Respectfully,

Hunter Poindexter