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Authority Affirmed

This investigation was conducted under the provisions of R.B. § 2-5-4 (b) of the bylaws of Indiana University Student Government. It was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Finance pursuant to Rule IX (a) of the Standing Rules of Congress wherein the committee is to be referred all measures regarding “Oversight and reform of IUSG structures and processes, generally” along with Rule IX (b) “Each standing committee shall study and review matters under its jurisdiction and report its findings from time to time”.

Background

This report has been drafted by the committee on Oversight and Finance and represents the findings of the committee as a whole during this investigation. The committee’s investigation began on November 17th at approximately 7:45pm upon unanimous decision of the committee to investigate allegations concerning the President and Vice President of IUSG. The committee set out to discern the validity of the allegations made against the President and Vice President, mainly in regard to those made in Public Evidence Exhibit A, the resignation letter of Makiah Pickett and Alex Kaswan, and if the President and or Vice President has failed in their duty to “uphold the dignity of IUSG in their conduct and behavior” as according to R.B. § 4-1-1. It should be noted that this report will not discuss the character of any individuals included in the investigation, and that this report is solely for the purpose of achieving the aforementioned goals. The committee subpoenaed and heard testimony from 11 individuals over three days in the following order: Abigail Garrison, Abby Rose, Alex Kaswan, Ethan Fine, and Makiah Pickett on November 28th, Abby DeArmitt and Rachel Applefield on November 30th, and Aaliyah Raji, Marsha Koda, Cooper Tinsley, and Patrick Lee on December 3rd. From there, the committee has met in multiple closed-door sessions in order to hash out the evidence and testimonies, deliberating on the facts of the investigation and the answers to our set goals. In this endeavor to conduct an objective and impartial investigation, the committee has also met with advisors from IU’s administration to ensure that the investigation is up to university standards. We the committee, the interviewees subpoenaed, and those
under investigation, are all in the end, students of Indiana University. With all this in mind, the committee concludes its investigation of the President and Vice President with the submission of this final report to the IU Student Body Congress.

**Committee Resources Publicly Available**

Public evidence has been kept on the publicly accessible drive with updates on the investigation on the IUSG website. The committee uploaded the internal resolution which established the general rules and procedures for the investigation to the committee’s folder on the central drive. The recordings were done by laptop and uploaded as available by the chair, the minutes approved by the committee and uploaded as available by the chair, and evidence as admitted by the committee. The index page of Congress on the IUSG website, which contains the schedules and contact information for all congressional committees, has been regularly updated with the Oversight and Finance’s hearing times and places. In the same location, there is a direct link to the Oversight and Finance committee’s publicly available OneDrive folder, housed within the public Congress drive. This folder contains all evidence, hearing recordings, minutes, and statements made publicly available by the committee. To reach this information, one can navigate to the IU student government website, click on Congress, and then scroll down to the committee’s section.

**Subpoena of Interviewees and Testimonies**

The committee, using the defined procedure in internal Rule #5, subpoenaed 11 interviewees in total. The committee subpoenaed 9 interviewees unanimously at the first meeting of the investigation on November 17th. These interviewees included Aaliyah Raji, the President of IU Student Government, Marsha Koda, the Vice President of IU Student Government, Abigail Garrison, the former Congressional Secretary for the IGNITE administration, Patrick Lee, the former External Co-Chief of Staff for the IGNITE administration, Abby DeArmitt, the former Internal Co-Chief of Staff for the IGNITE administration, Makiah Pickett, the former Co-Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for the
IGNITE administration, Alex Kaswan, the former Treasurer for the IGNITE administration, Abby Rose, the Chabad Congressional Representative for the 2023-2024 session, and Ethan Fine, the former IIPAC President. The President and Vice President were subpoenaed due to being the subjects of the investigation, the former members of the IGNITE administration were subpoenaed due to being senior officers all having resigned within a week of each other, and Ms. Rose and Mr. Fine were subpoenaed for being present during meetings involving alleged antisemitism with the President and or Vice President. During the meeting on November 28th, the committee subpoenaed Rachel Applefield, the President of Hillel at IU, unanimously for being present during meetings involving antisemitism with the President and Vice President. During the meeting on November 30th, the committee subpoenaed Cooper Tinsley, the acting Chief of Staff for the IGNITE administration, for close ties to the President, Vice President, and former Co-Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Makiah Pickett. The committee offered each interviewee the choice between the available hearing dates of November 28th at 7:00pm in Ballantine Hall, November 30th at 7:00pm in Ballantine Hall, and December 3rd at 1:00pm in the Indiana Memorial Union, and heard the interviewees in the order of response time. November 28th had testimony of Abigail Garrison, Abby Rose, Alex Kaswan, and Ethan Fine respectively. November 30th had testimony of Abby DeArmitt and Rachel Applefield respectively. December 3rd had testimony of Aaliyah Raji, Marsha Koda, Cooper Tinsley, and Patrick Lee respectively. All testimonies were public and recorded, with the exception of brief testimonies of the President and Vice President heard and recorded in private executive session at the decision of the committee.

Admission of Evidence

Evidence is a key part of any investigation and is the most effective method of determining fact from fiction. The committee admitted evidence via majority decision, meaning that the only evidence the committee used were those that were officially admitted and either sealed for privacy or opened to the public. This section will list out, label, and briefly describe the evidence the committee used in the
investigation, anonymizing sealed evidence to the best extent in which it provides clear information and close secrecy.

**Public Evidence:**

- **Exhibit A:** The resignation letter of Makiah Pickett and Alex Kaswan
  
  A PDF letter addressed to the Indiana University Student Body from Makiah Pickett and Alex Kaswan, explaining their resignations from executive positions in IUSG, listing concerns regarding poor leadership and antisemitism from the President and Vice President.

- **Exhibit B:** The President’s 1st response letter
  
  A PDF letter addressed to the Indiana University Student Body from the President addressing allegations made against the President in Exhibit A.

- **Exhibit C:** The President and Vice President’s response letter
  
  A PDF letter addressed to the Indiana University Student Body from the President and Vice President addressing issues concerning antisemitism.

- **Exhibit D:** Ethan Fine X Posts
  
  A series of screenshots of tweets made by Ethan Fine surrounding allegations made against the President.

- **Exhibit E:** Requests for Procedural Considerations
  
  A PDF letter addressed to John Lane, Chair of Oversight and Finance, from Cooper Tinsley making procedural requests regarding the investigation into the President and Vice President.

**Sealed Evidence:**

- **Sealed Evidence #1:** Senior Executive Staff Text Messages
  
  1: Affirmative Action Messages
• Text messages within senior executive cabinet wherein discussion was had about including Jewish and LGBTQ+ culture center information on an Affirmative Action Instagram post.

  o 2: Election Fraud

    • Text messages within senior executive cabinet wherein the President and Vice President admitted to turning in the financial statement for the campaign late.

  o 3: Growing Concerns of Antisemitism

    • Text messages within senior executive cabinet where members of cabinet expressed growing concerns of antisemitism on campus and a desire to act against it.

  o 4: Senior Officer Messages

    • Text messages between two senior executive officers about executing programs against antisemitism without the President.

  o 5: IUSG Group Chat Part 1 & 2

    • Text messages within senior executive cabinet where members of cabinet suggested efforts to combat Islamophobic and antisemitic attacks on campus.

• Sealed Evidence #2: Requests for Procedural Considerations

  o Evidence was later unsealed and renamed Exhibit E, still referenced in this section for numerical and record keeping purposes.

• Sealed Evidence #3: Co-Chiefs of Staff Messages

  o 1: Co-Chief 1

    • Text messages between Ms. Pickett and a Co-Chief of Staff wherein the Co-Chief of Staff suggests that President doesn’t want to work on an antisemitism event.

  o 2: Co-Chief 2

    • Text messages between Ms. Pickett and a Co-Chief of Staff wherein the Co-Chief of Staff describes the President’s feelings towards an antisemitism event as non-
committal and that pushing too hard for such an event could cause the Co-Chief of Staff to be ignored.

- Sealed Evidence #4:
  - 1: Cabinet Agendas
    - Screenshot of a cabinet agenda that outlines time to think of a response to bias in the community against Palestinian/Middle Eastern/Muslim students.
  - 3: Correspondence
    - 1: No Outreach MESA
      - Text messages between an unknown sender and a leader in the Middle Eastern Student Association wherein the leader confirms that Ms. Pickett did not reach out to the organization after an anti-Palestinian incident on campus.
    - 2: No Outreach MSA
      - Text messages between an unknown sender and a leader in the Muslim Student Association wherein the leader confirms that Ms. Pickett did not reach out to the organization after an anti-Palestinian incident on campus.
    - 3: Patrick Lee on Ethan Fine Meeting
      - Text messages between senior executive officers wherein Mr. Lee describes the meeting with Mr. Fine as informative on the current climate of antisemitism.
    - 4: Decision Not to Respond
      - Text messages between senior executive officers wherein one officer states that it isn’t necessary to respond to Instagram messages regarding global political conflict.
  - 5: Makiah and Aaliyah Affirmative Action
• Text messages between Ms. Pickett and the President wherein the President questions if being Jewish just means religiously and would be included in the affirmative action movement.

• Sealed Evidence #5: Cabinet Recording
  o 1: Recording
    ▪ A recording of an IUSG executive cabinet meeting post resignation letter wherein the President and Vice President discuss the ramifications of the resignation letter and allegations made with the cabinet.

• Sealed Evidence #6: Vice President Text Messages
  o 1: Applefield Screenshot 1
    ▪ Text messages between Ms. Applefield and the Vice President wherein the Vice President plans to make IU Hillel Shabbat dinner but then cancels.
  o 2: Applefield Screenshot 2
    ▪ Text messages between Ms. Applefield and the Vice President wherein the Vice President asks for guidance on how to respond to Mr. Fine’s message about IUSG statements regarding racism.

• Sealed Evidence #7: Tinsley and Pickett Conversation Recording
  o 1: Phone Call Recording
    ▪ A phone call between Ms. Pickett and Mr. Tinsley wherein Ms. Pickett explains her resignation/resignation letter.

• Sealed Evidence #8: Vice President Leave Letter
  o 1: Physical Copy
    ▪ Letter proving that the Vice President was on leave from the organization October 10th to October 24th.

• Sealed Evidence #9: Makiah Pickett and President Conversations
1: Event Seating

- Text messages between Ms. Pickett and the President wherein argument is had over the seating arrangements at the IUSG table possibly leaving out the President and Vice President.

2: Argument Recording

- A recording of an argument between Ms. Pickett and the President about the professional relationship between the two.

3: Co-Chief of Staff Texts

- Text messages between a Co-Chief of Staff and Ms. Pickett wherein the Co-Chief of Staff describes a conversation with the President about a planned meeting with Ms. Pickett concerning the event seating and her treatment of Ms. Pickett.

Sealed Evidence #10: Jewish Student Leaders and IUSG Presidents Meeting Recording

1: Recording

- A recording of the meeting between Jewish student leaders and the President and Vice President about recent allegations made against the President and a lack of advocacy against antisemitism.

**Timeline**

Key points in time as gathered by the committee:

July 1st: Affirmative Action/Makiah Pickett group text messages, show that the President is unaware of Jewish being both an ethnicity and a religion, and that she plans to educate herself on the matter.

Oct 25th: Meeting with Patrick Lee, Ethan Fine, and the President about the Jewish community on campus. From multiple testimony, it is corroborated that nothing was requested from IUSG in collaboration during this meeting.
Oct 30th: Admitted by the President in testimony that she made remarks to Makiah Pickett during the meeting describing Abby Rose as “playing the victim” and claiming that “antisemitism is not an issue on this campus”. Corroborated by recording during cabinet.

Nov 6-9th: Texts and recordings show that the President and Makiah Pickett had arguments about bias and leadership style.

Nov 10-12th: Abigail Garrison, Patrick Lee, and Abby DeArmitt, over the course of the weekend, all resign from their positions in IUSG.

Nov 13th: Resignation letter of Alex Kaswan and Makiah Pickett is received in the IUSG chat.

Nov 14th: The IGNITE administration holds a cabinet meeting in which they go over the resignation letter and the President admits to making antisemitic comments, all on recording.

Nov 15th: The President released a statement on the allegations made in the resignation letter.

Nov 16th: The President, Vice President, and Cooper Tinsley met with Jewish Student Leaders on campus. Testimony had mixed response on how well the meeting went; a recording of the meeting shows that apologies were given, and Jewish student leaders were heard, no further requests were made for IUSG other than a more formal apology be released acknowledging antisemitism.

Nov 17th: The President and Vice President release a statement acknowledging antisemitism and apologizing for past actions.

Nov 28th: Hoosiers United Against Antisemitism (a group consisting of multiple Jewish student leaders at IU) issues a letter requesting that President Aaliyah Raji resign from her position and any members of her cabinet “complicit in her antisemitism” be removed from their positions as well. The first hearing of the investigation was also conducted, with interviews from Abigail Garrison, Abby Rose, Alex Kaswan, Ethan Fine, and Makiah Pickett.
Nov 30th: The second hearing of the investigation was conducted with interviews from Abby DeArmitt and Rachel Applefield.

Dec 3rd: The third and final hearing of the investigation was conducted with interviews from the President, Vice President, Cooper Tinsley, and Patrick Lee.

Committee Findings on Allegations Made

In the letter of resignation released by Kaswan and Pickett, the President and Vice President were accused of using blatantly antisemitic language throughout the course of their administration. The first such instance occurred in July of 2023 where the executive branch released a statement on Instagram regarding the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision to overturn Affirmative Action. In this statement the IGNITE Administration referred students to cultural centers on Campus should they need support. The following events were referenced in Sealed Evidence No. 1-4 and was corroborated through testimony given to the committee by relevant parties. Notably absent from this post were the LGBTQ+ Culture Center and the Jewish Culture Center at IU, as pointed out by senior members of the executive cabinet in texts from Sealed Evidence 1-1. In these texts, President Raji was asked about the lack of inclusion for these students, she claimed that since Affirmative Action only affected students of color, it was not an issue that affected Jewish students. She was corrected on this notion and was informed that being Jewish is just one of the many intersecting identities a student may have. At this point Raji made a commitment to further educate herself.

According to corroborated testimony of those present, on October 25, 2023, President Raji and Co-Chief of Staff Patrick Lee met with Mr. Ethan Fine for the first and only meeting the Student Body President had with members of the Jewish community on campus following the events of October 7th and before the resignation letter from Kaswan and Pickett. The IGNITE parties involved stated that they felt the meeting was productive, but Mr. Fine stated during his testimony that he felt the presence of Mr. Lee was an intimidation tactic used by the administration. This meeting was the only form of communication
that occurred until the release of the letter of resignation. Following this meeting Mr. Lee approached the President with ideas on how to further engage with Jewish student organizations, to which he testified that the President had no interest in working with said groups. This sentiment was reiterated in a text as seen in Sealed Evidence 3-1 from Ms. DeArmitt to Ms. Pickett wherein she reached out due to the President’s unwillingness to work on an event concerning antisemitism. While the Student Body President framed the meeting as the first-time concerns were raised by Jewish students, this was not the case. On October 10, 2023, Mr. Ethan Fine contacted the Instagram account of IUSG through direct message concerning the lack of response the organization made in regard to issues facing Jewish students on campus. The following quotes come from Sealed Evidence 1-3. The Student Body President texted in a group chat with senior executives “we don’t need to leave them on read we just don’t need to open it” followed by “he’s [Fine] is always trying to pick something” and finally “like we’re not making a f---ing statement bro it’s BEYOND IUSG”. Vice President Koda texted a drafted statement before backtracking and stated in text messages “nah we don’t have to send it” followed by “b---es are crazy”. Mr. Lee and Ms. Garrison [two senior cabinet members], as according to Sealed Evidence 4-2-4 concurred on the matter and President Raji stated, “ignore it and he finna be blocked”. Raji’s final comment on the matter was “if someone opens that dm im changing the password” which shows that the Student Body President and Vice President directed their senior staff to ignore the concerns of a Jewish student and threatened to remove access to the Instagram account if staff were to do their jobs.

On the night of October 30, 2023, the Student Body Congress met for a General Assembly meeting. In this meeting debate was heard on Congress Bill No. 1005, the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and Sexual Violence Prevention Advocacy Agenda. A representative voiced concern about the lack of an Islamophobia prevention section in the legislation, as a section regarding antisemitism prevention was present in the document during second reading. According to the testimony of Makiah Pickett, as Congress was figuring out how to resolve this issue, the Student Body President was reportedly irritated about the inclusion of anything involving antisemitism in the document. It was at this meeting that the
President made a statement about then-Representative Abby Rose, of Chabad House Jewish Student Center wherein she asked, “why is she playing the victim?” as Ms. Rose discussed numerous antisemitic actions that have occurred within recent memory on campus. It is the understanding of Jewish leaders, Abby Rose, Ethan Fine, and Alex Kaswan who testified before our committee that this comment constitutes antisemitism under the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance’s definition, which was adopted by Indiana University Student Government.

At 9:57 p.m. on Monday November 13, 2023, the letter of resignation authored by Mr. Kaswan and Ms. Pickett was released to members of IUSG. According to corroborated testimony of those who resigned, the event was the culmination of a weekend that included the resignations of Mr. Lee and Ms. DeArmitt who testified resigning due to leadership differences with the President and Vice President, and Ms. Garrison who resigned for both leadership differences and personal reasons. The following evening a regular meeting of the cabinet was held behind closed doors. According to a letter and recording in Sealed Evidence 5 sent to the committee by an anonymous cabinet member, members were asked to put all electronics away to allow members to speak their minds without recording.

The following quote from Sealed Evidence 5 came directly from President Raji. In reference to Mr. Kaswan she stated, “How can you claim I silenced you if you don’t speak?”. However, Mr. Kaswan testified that he had routinely made attempts to inform the President of issues facing the Jewish community on campus. This testimony was further proven in Sealed Evidence 1-3 where Mr. Kaswan suggested IUSG coordinate an event with Hillel to complement similar events orchestrated with MESA. During testimony, the President said that she could not recall making the statement, and that assertion was corroborated by the testimony of the Vice President. The lack of support for a Jewish student who the President and Vice President spoke with, along with stating that he never spoke up when he did, is a troubling assertion to make concerning these issues.

Rachel Applefield testified that Vice President Koda reached out to her during Thanksgiving Break and attempted to shift the blame away from the Student Body President and said that Ms. Pickett
was being manipulative. Vice President Koda testified that a majority of the phone call was spent discussing ways IUSG can help support Jewish students on campus, with a small portion going over “personal things regarding the issue at hand”. As referenced in Sealed Evidence 5 similar statement was also said by the Vice President in a prior Cabinet meeting recording before this phone call occurred the following week, therefore this shows a pattern of a belief of the Vice President that Ms. Pickett was being manipulative. This shows a clear intent to shift the blame away from those who are in the wrong towards others, and a general lack of accountability. This also contradicts the testimony given by Vice President Koda wherein she stated that she was not of the opinion that Ms. Pickett was manipulating the situation.

Committee Findings on Upheld Duties

In R.B. § 4-1-1, one of the duties of the President and Vice President is laid out as needing to “uphold the dignity of IUSG in their conduct and behavior”. The committee interprets this as embodying the most crucial aspects of IUSG in their work, while representing the core values of Indiana University’s student body. Adhering to the rules of this organization, treating fellow members with respect, and maintaining individual integrity are among such criteria. Upholding the dignity of IUSG can range from respecting the views and opinions of fellow members, to publicly portraying an image of leadership, honesty, and diligence, and to properly preparing the organization to uphold its responsibilities.

Whenever any senior administrative officer resigns from IU Student Government, it is crucial to put a plan in place to replace that position and make sure the many responsibilities of that position are upheld in the meantime. The Treasurer, Co-Chiefs of Staff, and Congressional Secretary are all especially crucial to the management and upkeep of funds, membership, and records of IUSG. Coordination between those resigning and the current administration is essential to the smooth continuation of the organization. In this investigation, as corroborated by testimony of those who resigned and those who continued, 4 senior administrative officers and a department co-director of the executive branch resigned within 3 days of each other, with little evidence of coordination in their leave with the continuing administration. In this case, the Treasurer, two Co-Chiefs of Staff, the Congressional Secretary, and the
Co-Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, resigned, with only the Treasurer having a ready successor as a deputy treasurer. Other than the former Treasurer’s testimony of plans to leave at the end of the semester, and corroborated testimony of those present of a meeting with IUSG advisors in which the Co-Chiefs of Staff discussed and in part submitted their resignations with the President and Vice President, the committee is not aware of any evidence that points to these resignations being coordinated with any leadership (who would be remaining in the IGNITE administration) prior to their effective date.

The committee received text messages as seen in Sealed Evidence 1-2 wherein the President and Vice President admitted to turning in the financial statement for the campaign past its deadline to the Election Commission. Failure to submit a financial statement for a campaign on time is a class A election violation according to R.B. § 3-8-2 subsection 2, which results in an automatic disqualification from the election. According to precedent set in the IUSG Supreme Court Case Wolak v. Election Commission, the Election Commission is not allowed to excuse late submissions, and any excused candidates shall be deemed disqualified from the election.

There were a total of five resignations within the span of 3 days prior to the release of the resignation letter in Exhibit A. While there were other resignations from the executive branch following these, our report will focus on these five. Treasurer Alex Kaswan and Co-Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Makiah Pickett outlined their reasons for resigning in Exhibit A, and further corroborated those reasons in their testimony. Additionally, as seen in Sealed Evidence 10, arguments occurred between the President and Makiah Pickett, suggesting the relationship both professionally and personally between the President and Makiah Pickett was strained. Co-Chiefs of Staff Abby DeArmitt and Patrick Lee testified mixed reasons for resigning, repeating “differences in leadership styles” and strained tensions with the President and Vice President. Through Sealed Evidence 1-4, 3-1, 3-2, 9-3 and corroborated testimony of the Co-Chiefs of Staff, President, and Vice President, the working relationship between the Co-Chiefs of Staff and President and Vice President was strained and ineffective.
Congressional Secretary Abigail Garrison testified resigning “80% for the contents of the letter [Exhibit A], and 20% for treatment by leadership”.

The resignations underscore a pattern of the President avoiding accountability for their actions and decisions. In Sealed Evidence 9-3 along with testimonies from Makiah Pickett, Alex Kaswan and Abigail Garrison, it was reported to the committee that when mistakes were made, they were not always acknowledged, investigated, or rectified. Additionally, Abby Rose and Ethan Fine expressed in their interviews the insincerity of the President when she acknowledged her shortcomings thereby raising a concern of the lack of responsible leadership within this organization.

Alex Kaswan and Marsha Koda recognized a lack of engagement of the Vice President in essential cabinet meetings. Vice President Koda explained she had never led a full cabinet meeting. During a crucial period, the Vice President also took about a one-month leave from the organization as reported in Sealed Evidence 8. This absence occurred when active participation and leadership were paramount, contributing to a lack of leadership within the organization. Although the reasons for such an extended leave were crucial, the Vice President was unable to perform her duties nor did she explicitly delegate them, according to a statement she made in Sealed Evidence 10. The Vice President expressed to the committee in her testimony that the “institution” is to blame for incidents of antisemitism and that it should not be the responsibility of student leaders to rectify these issues. This deflective approach undermines the collaborative efforts needed to combat antisemitism effectively and erodes trust in the leadership's commitment to resolving critical issues. Testimony from Makiah Pickett suggests that the Vice President has been “complicit and negligent” in addressing the President's actions or lack thereof.

One recurring theme identified in the resignations is the President and Vice President’s apparent reluctance to accept constructive criticism. This was testified by several interviewees including Abigail Garrison, Abby Rose, Alex Kaswan, Makiah Pickett, and Patrick Lee. Multiple of these interviewees felt a failure to engage with feedback, whether from staff, faculty, or other involved parties, suggests an unwillingness to learn and adapt. In Exhibit A, Makiah Pickett states, “My efforts to foster an inclusive
community within IU’s diverse student body have been met with criticism and condemnation.” In the same letter Pickett and Kaswan state, “As it stands, this organization has fostered an environment where you are silenced for voicing your opinions to leadership.” Furthermore, this reluctance to accept constructive criticism is shown in Sealed Evidence 1-3. This resistance poses a significant barrier to IUSG's ability to address challenges, improve its overall performance, and move forward as an organization.

The resignations show a gap in the President and Vice President’s understanding of the diverse groups within our campus. Makiah Pickett, Cooper Tinsley, Patrick Lee, Ethan Fine, Alex Kaswan, and Abby Rose made it clear that the President and Vice President had a lack of knowledge and education on the unique needs, concerns, and perspectives of Jewish Students and LQBTG+ students according to Sealed Evidence 1-1. In Exhibit A Makiah Pickett states, “there has been a lack of awareness.” Furthermore, Pickett and Kaswan explain, “this organization is not fulfilling its purpose or promise to the students of the university due to leadership ineptitude.” In Sealed Evidence 10, Abby Rose stated, “We have nine pages of a document of everything antisemitic that has happened in the last month alone.” This raises doubt in the President and Vice President’s ability to uphold the dignity of IUSG as a whole.

In regard to efforts made to put forward programs in partnership with Jewish student organizations and or programs combatting antisemitism on campus, there is a lack of evidence that any such concrete programs were planned/put on by the President, Vice President, former Co-Chiefs of Staff, former Co-Director of DEI, former Treasurer, or former Congressional Secretary of IUSG. Although Sealed Evidence 1-6, 3-1, and 3-2 all show text messages between Co-Chiefs of Staff and Makiah Pickett about planning such an event, no evidence supports such an event happening. During the meeting between the President, Ethan Fine, and Patrick Lee on October 25th, it was corroborated by testimony of those present that nothing was specifically requested out of IUSG in terms of events and that Mr. Fine wished to make sure the Jewish students were heard by IUSG. One direct request from a senior executive officer in Sealed Evidence 1-5 clearly mentioned “it would be great to reach out to Hillel to do a
collaboration event on antisemitism”, however there is a lack of evidence to support anything further happening in regard to the planning and or outreach for such an event from any senior executive officers.

The interviewees Abby Rose, Alex Kaswan, Ethan Fine, Makiah Pickett, and Patrick Lee expressed this concern in their respective interviews. Makiah Pickett expressed in Exhibit A, “it has been made painfully clear that the current administration is only open to supporting select student groups.” In Sealed Evidence 10 a Jewish student leader, Jared Cohen, stated, “Advocacy afforded to other students is not being afforded to us.” The same student continued by saying, “…what you do have is a duty to do is support Jewish students on this campus and I can say that one hundred percent that that has not been done.” The lack of engagement and consultation with these groups has led to a sense of exclusion and alienation, exacerbating existing tensions and hindering the president's ability to represent and serve the diverse student body effectively.

Summary

The preamble to the Indiana University Student Government Constitution states the following “IUSG exists to give voice to our common grievances, concerns, and hopes, and to take action to realize an ever-stronger University. We work to protect student rights, enrich student life, and improve Indiana University.” The Committee on Oversight and Finance believes that this is a goal that all members of IUSG, elected or appointed, should strive towards. The decision was made by the committee to give a recommendation to Congress at large as to how to proceed with the matters discussed in this report. It should be noted that these decisions have not been made lightly, and that each member voted their conscience, and in the spirit of the constituents who elected them.

It is the recommendation of the Committee on Oversight and Finance that the Student Body Congress of Indiana University introduce and adopt Articles of Impeachment against Student Body President Aaliyah Raji and Student Body Vice President Marsha Koda under the authority granted in Article III Section 6 of the IUSG Constitution.
After careful consideration, the committee has arrived at the following conclusions. In its current state, IUSG struggles to operate without a Treasurer, Chief of Staff, Congressional Secretary, or functioning Board of Finance. The departments of Communications and Engagement and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion have both been significantly weakened through the departure of Co-Directors. So, the question arises on whether the dignity of IUSG has been upheld by the current administration, and the answer is no. The President has failed at her constitutional duty of being the spokesperson for the student body, as a group comprising 10% of that total number has been ignored since this administration took office. The Vice President and chief deputy is at least complicit in this failure, and according to testimony has failed her constitutional duty as according to Article III Section 2 to coordinate activities within the executive branch. These questions all occur on the backdrop of an election that may have been tainted by inaction of the Election Commission to disqualify the ticket for the late submission of a financial statement, which has occurred in the past.

The Committee on Oversight & Finance would like to thank all individuals who appeared in front of the committee, those who submitted evidence, and all members of Indiana University Student Government for their cooperation. The committee would like to assure anyone who reads this document that the upmost care, consideration, and thoroughness has been put into this document. We entrust the Student Body Congress to use the information provided in this report to further advocate for the students we represent in the best way possible. As initially promised, members of this committee have spent over eight weeks ensuring that our outcome was appropriate and worthy of the student body.
COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Oversight & Finance, which opened an INVESTIGATION CONCERNING THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT, has voted to finalize the attached report.

John Lane, Chair.

Committee vote: Yeas 6, Nays 1.

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