STUDENT   SENATE   BILL   2024-1328

TITLE: RESOLUTION TO CENSURE ACCENT AGENCY HEAD SAMUEL HENDLER

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WHEREAS, Student Body Statute 305.1 states, "Censure is defined as a resolution passed by the Student Senate in lieu of impeachment. In effect, "censure" is a written reprimand given to an official whose actions may have warranted impeachment, but the Student Senate felt impeachment was   unnecessary[;]"   and,

WHEREAS, Student Body Statute 305.2 states, "Offenses warranting censure include, but are not limited to, the following acts committed while in office:1. Misfeasance[,] 2. Malfeasance [,]3. Nonfeasance[,]4.   Abuse   of   power[;]"   and,

WHEREAS, Student Body Statute 307.2 defines malfeasance as "doing an act that is wholly wrongful, as per *Black's Law Dictionary*[;]" and,

WHEREAS, Student Body Statute 307.2 defines nonfeasance as "a total neglect of duty, as per *Black's   Law   Dictionary*[;]"   and,

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2023, the University of Florida Student Senate passed SSB 2023-1110, *The SGP and ACCENT Integrity, Negotiation, and Transparency (S.A.I.N.T.) Act* enshrining Student Body Statute 221.7 into Student Body Law; and,

WHEREAS, Student Body Statute 221.7 states, "ACCENT Speakers shall not pursue or enter into a contract with an organization or person(s) that have committed the following acts or have reasonably compelling evidence to assume that an act was committed: 1. sexual assault[,] 2. sexual misconduct[,] 3. sexual harassment[,] 4. sexual grooming[,] 5. dating violence[,] 6. indecent exposure[,] 7. sexual exposure to minors[, and] 8. moral turpitude, as defined in 307.2(14), S.B.S.[;]"   and,

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2024, Student Government Productions and ACCENT Speakers

Bureau announced *An Evening With Nelly, Featuring A Musical & Speaking Performance* with Cornell 'Nelly' Iral Haynes Jr.; and,

WHEREAS, An Auburn, Washington police investigation "found probable cause of an assault" by 'Nelly' against Monique Greene, a 22-year-old student at the University of Washington at the time, "who alleges that he raped her on his tour bus in suburban Seattle then defamed her when he claimed she made up the accusation" [1]; and,

WHEREAS, the civil suit filed by Greene also included testimonies of two anonymous women "whom Nelly allegedly also sexually assaulted in two separate incidents" both before and after Greene's incident [2]; and,

WHEREAS, the King County prosecutor's office issued a statement that Greene declined to cooperate with prosecutors because "she felt she could not stand up against a celebrity and that the criminal system would fail her" [2]; and,

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2018, it was announced a settlement was reached in the King County Superior Court of the State of Washington between Monique Greene and Cornell Iral Haynes Jr. [1]; and,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate condemns the decision of ACCENT Agency Head Samuel Hendler to enter into a contract with a person with reasonably compelling evidence to assume that such acts were committed as prescribed by Code 221.7, S.B.S; and,

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate censures ACCENT Agency Head Samuel Hendler for nonfeasance in accordance with Codes 305.1, 305.2, and 307.2, S.B.S.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Student Body President Olivia Green, Judiciary Chairman Aaron Rubaii, and Senator Samantha Kinggard.

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[1]https://apnews.com/general-news-music-arts-and-entertainment-8332763e037c48a1ba62ed4e57cd9dd6
[2]https://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2018/01/25/580691539/in-lawsuit-2-more-women-accuse-rapper-nelly-of-sexual-assault