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## THE CONTROVERSIAL IMPEACHMENT OF ASUCI PRESIDENT RANDY YAN

Legislation R55-47 was authored by ASUCI Social Sciences Senator Nick Ortiz and seconded by ASUCI Education Senator Gabriel Zanipatin. According to this legislation, the Senate intended to impeach ASUCI President, Randy Yan, for the three separate charges. The first



charge, according to the Senate legislation, is due to the “abuse of power.” The reasons listed by the authors are as follows: failure to implement the law -- including B55-04 (a controversial bill authored by the Senate), for firing a staff member with no recourse or sufficient reason, for engaging in cronyism, and for refusing to disclose meeting times of vital importance to the Senate President. The second charge, according to the Senate Legislation is

due to “maladministration” with claims that Yan failed to increase transparency in ASUCI, decreased accountability in the ASUCI administration, and failed to increase Scholarship Resources or promote Academic Community Engagement. In the third and final charge of perjury, the Senate accuses Yan of lying under oath after an Executive veto (B55-04) was signed. During the meeting on the 27th, Senators raised accusations against Yan of missing his deadline to sign this veto, and suggested that they believe he (or someone on his behalf) modified the document after the fact to cover his tracks using PDFescape®.

ASUCI President Randy Yan pleaded innocent to all of these charges. **The Senate needed a two-thirds majority to pass the impeachment legislation, and were successful with a final vote of 16 Yeas and 3 Nays, with 6 senators abstaining.**

Randy Yan will now have to face the Judicial Board on these charges, as the Senate recommends he be reviewed for disbarment. With the right to an attorney, it is during that trial where Randy will either be acquitted or ultimately removed from office. Until then, the Senate has appointed Rodrigo Quintas to serve as interim President. UCI Students are encouraged to reach out to their Senators to voice their opinions, as well as attend Senate meetings.

*On Friday morning (February 28th) Anteater TV reached out to acting Senate President, Faith Chua, with a request for a comment on behalf of the ASUCI Senate regarding the events that took place on February 27th. They still have not sent us a public comment, but say they plan to release one to us after the publication date of this article.*