

In Case #2018-MockTrial-Spring, the Court has come to three decisions.

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The Court determined that it does not have jurisdiction to retry Case #Jan2018. Decisions of the Student Court are final and cannot be retried. If the decision reached is challenged, per Art. IV §2 (G) of the ASUNM Constitution, "Student Court decisions may be appealed to the Student Conduct Committee."

II

The Court determined that Senator Boxer cannot be tried for violating Judicial Code Art III § 4 (3) ("Members of the Court will not accept any gift, bequest, favor, or loan other than ordinary social hospitality") as he is not part of the Judicial branch and thus is not held to the same standards as the Court. The Court further determined that no legislation in either the Constitution or the Law Book forbids a sitting senator from the actions of which Senator Boxer was accused. The Court proposes that legislature be introduced to the Law Book which holds all branches of government to ethical and moral codes.

III

The Court determined that defendant Chief Justice Sara Collins did violate Judicial Code Art III § 4 (3) ("Members for the Court will not accept any gift, bequest, favor, or loan other than social hospitality, if the source of said gift, bequest, favor, or loan could imply or give the appearance of influencing the decisions of the Court or otherwise give the appearance of impropriety.") The Court determined an appropriate sanction, following Constitution Art V § B (2) ("Suspension – removal of duties, rights, and voting privileges associated with the position for a period of no longer than four weeks.") The Court orders Chief Justice Sara Collins to be suspended of her Chief Justice duties for a total of four weeks.

For the four-week suspension, Senior Associate Justice Ian Carrillo will take head of the court as acting Chief Justice, as specified in the Judicial Code Art I § 2 (1). The decision reflects the repercussion of the violation of Judicial Code Art III § 4 (3), more specifically giving the "appearance of impropriety" by accepting the gift with only two days before the trial of Case #Jan2018.

It is so ordered.

On Behalf of the Court,



Juan Avila
Student Court Associate Justice, 2017-2018