

Majority Opinion By Council Chair Bennett

JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY

Dylan Perfect, ASOSU Senate Pro-Tempore

INQUIRY TO THE ASOSU JUDICIAL COUNCIL (No. 18-016.i)

[October 17th, 2018]

Senate Pro-Tempore Dylan Perfect brought an inquiry to the Judicial Council pertaining to office hours held by congress members during the Summer quarter. Specifically, Pro-Tempore Perfect states that, “This inquiry seeks to establish whether [or not holding office hours during the summer quarter] is officially allowed without risking the vacation of a member's seat as a consequence of not holding office hours for three consecutive/four total weeks in a summer session.”

The Judicial Council concurs with the long-standing precedent that office hours shall not be recorded over the summer or count toward absences used to vacate a seat. For the House of Representatives, the Judicial Council cites Article III, Section F, Subsection 1 of the ASOSU Constitution in its ruling, which states that “The House of Representatives shall be in session each academic term, with the exception of summer term.” As the ASOSU House does not meet during the summer, attendance at meetings shall not be recorded.

For the ASOSU Senate, the Judicial Council recognizes that the Senate shall be in session during the summer term. However, the Judicial Council concurs that failure to hold office hours during this time will not lead to the vacation of a member’s Senate, and cites Article VI, Section F of the ASOSU Constitution in its decision. Failure to enroll in summer classes does not barr a member of ASOSU from elections or appointment, which the Judicial Council further extrapolates to holding office.