



Unanimous Opinion By Council Chair Sonpatki

JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY

Matteo Paola, ASOSU President

INQUIRY TO THE ASOSU JUDICIAL COUNCIL
(No. 22.023.i)

[August 6th, 2022]

Matteo Paola, ASOSU President, requested the Judicial Council to review Article VI of the ASOSU Constitution which details requirements for candidacy or appointed positions. With regards to the provision that “undergraduate students shall have earned at least six hours of credit in their most recently completed term”, he stated that “this has been interpreted to apply not just to OSU credits, but any college credits in general” and asked whether credit from high school can also be used to satisfy this requirement for first-year students.

After thorough and thoughtful deliberation, the ASOSU Judicial Council determines that the credit requirements outlined within Article VI(D) 1(a-b) of the ASOSU Constitution can only be fulfilled by college credit from OSU or another accredited university. Therefore, incoming students without prior college credit are not eligible for candidacy or appointment under the current Constitution.

The Council cites the language “University requirements to hold office” within D1 of Article VI, which states that “Candidates for any elected or appointed office must meet University requirements to hold office”. Although OSU does consider first-year students eligible to apply for university employment, the requirements for these positions are outlined in Section 500 of the Student Employment Policy & Procedure Guide. No such guidelines have been published by the University outlining credit hour enrollment requirements for holding office. Therefore, the ASOSU Constitution is regarded as the highest authority in determining eligibility for these

positions. The Judicial Council ultimately concurred that the language of Article VI(D) 1(a) of the current Constitution — specifically the credit requirement for student’s “most recently completed term” — impedes incoming students without prior college credit from being eligible to hold office.