



Unanimous Opinion By Councilor Carmichael

**JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE ASSOCIATED  
STUDENTS OF OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY**

Noa Stoll, President Pro Tempore of the Senate

INQUIRY TO THE ASOSU JUDICIAL COUNCIL  
(No. 24.032.i)

[May 2, 2024]

On March 25, 2024, Noa Stoll, President Pro Tempore of the ASOSU Senate, brought forth an inquiry before the Judicial Council pertaining to Title I §1(B) of the ASOSU Statutes. In the 2024 ASOSU General Election, a current eligible undergraduate student was elected to the ASOSU Senate. The Member, however, will be a graduate student during the 2024-2025 academic year. President Pro Tempore Stoll holds that this renders the Member ineligible for the undergraduate Senate seat, and is inquiring on how to move forward.

The Council holds that the Member should not automatically matriculate into a graduate Senate seat. This is due to the constituency from which the Member was elected. The Member was elected by the eligible undergraduate student body, therefore it would not be cogent for the Member to assume a seat to which the graduate student population has not elected them to. Alternatively, the Member should reapply to the Appointments Committee for a vacant graduate Senate seat.

We also hold that the current Appointments Committee should not deliberate or decide on the Member's appointment to the ASOSU Senate. The 2024-2025 academic year Appointments Committee, who will be seated June 1 of this year, are responsible for deliberating and deciding on the Member's appointment.

If this year's Appointments Committee were to take action on the Member's application to the vacant graduate Senate seat, future Committees or bodies within ASOSU may feel entitled to take similar action.