March 21, 2018
In re. VP Finance Vacancy

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE TAM joined by Chief Justice Henzer, Associate Justice Kirley, Associate Justice Aguilar-Rosenthal, and Associate Justice Sicorsky. Joined in thought by Alternate Justice Cai.

The Constitutional Council received an interpretation request from Student Union President Sydney Robinson for clarification on the process of filling the executive position of VP Finance, which remains vacant after the Spring 2018 elections. The request comprises two parts: 1) who fills the vacant position (i.e. who will appoint a successor to this position) and 2) how the vacant position is to be filled. In making this decision, The Council referred to Article VII Section 3d of the Constitution, which states that “If the offices of Vice President of Administration, Vice President of Finances, Vice President of Programming or Vice President of Public Relations fall vacant, a successor shall be appointed to fill the unexpired term by a majority vote of the Senate and the Treasury.” Addressing the first part of the request, The Council unanimously ruled that the Senate and the Treasury will appoint a VP Finance officer to the vacant position. Regarding the second part of the request, the Constitution does not specify a process of appointment, and it is not within the The Council’s purview to dictate a process to the Senate and the Treasury. Therefore, it will be the Senate and the Treasury’s responsibility to decide the process of appointment.