April 24, 2018

In re: SUPR

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

On April 10th the Constitutional Council received two interpretation requests asking 1) whether or not SUPR is the Public Relations Committee and 2) whether or not members of SUPR can get paid. To answer the first question, the Council looked to Article IV Section 6 of the Student Union Constitution, which delineates the duties of the Public Relations Committee as follows:

"1. The Public Relations Committee will be comprised of constituents appointed by the VP of Public Relations with the consent of the Executive Council.
2. The purpose of the Public Relations Committee is to facilitate publicity for Student Union as a whole, and act as a guide and resource for SU recognized student groups.
3. All Student Union Councils, Committees, and Elected Bodies shall report activities and proceedings weekly to the Public Relations."

In order to be considered the Public Relations Committee, the group in question must fulfill these specified requirements. It is the determination of this Council that because 1) SUPR is not appointed with the consent nor the confirmation of Exec Council, 2) the entity does not act as a guide for SU student groups, and 3) does not collect reports from these groups, that SUPR cannot, functionally or otherwise, be considered the Public Relations Committee.

Further, members of SUPR are not confirmed by the Executive Council, Senate, or Treasury, and so members of SUPR are not Officers of the Student Union. Therefore, they are not directly abridged from payment by the Student Union Constitution.

It is so ordered.