April 24, 2007
In re: Annual Budget Amendments
Constitutional Council Majority Opinion
Chief Justice Shana Zaia

Chief Justice Zaia:

The setting of the Annual Budget is under the jurisdiction of the Student Union Treasurer. This is expressed explicitly in the Statutes of the Constitution, Article I, Section 3, b., which reads that a duty of the Student Union Treasurer is to “prepare an annual budget for the Student Union with the approval of the Treasury of the Student Union.” The Student Union Treasurer has the final say over budget allocations in the Annual Budget and the Treasury may only approve or reject the budget in its entirety. This is reinforced in the Constitution, Article IV, Section 3, a, 3, which states that the Treasury has “the power to approve any budget and make appropriations proposed by the Treasurer and/or Budget Committee of the Student Union.” Treasury is only given the power to approve the budget. It may not, however, amend the General Budget. The body may vote the budget down and make recommendations to the Student Union Treasurer, but the Treasurer shall choose to amend or not amend the Annual Budget as his discretion before re-presenting the Annual Budget for approval by the Treasury.

There was no dissent in this case.