October 15, 2007

In re: Executive Committee Deregistration

Constitutional Council Majority Opinion

Associate Justice Mendelson

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In October 2007, it came to the attention of the Constitutional Council that the procedure for “deregistering” Executive Committees was unclear in the Constitution of the Student Union. The Constitutional Council was asked: “whose responsibility is it to deregister Executive Committees?”

The power to “deregister” Executive Committees belongs to the Executive branch of the Student Union Government. A previous ruling of the Constitutional Council explained that Executive Committees are only under the jurisdiction of the Executive Branch. Since Executive Committees are recognized as a part the Executive Branch, they cannot simultaneously be under the jurisdiction of another branch. Consequently, upon becoming an Executive Committee, the group is deregistered from Treasury.

In addition, Constitutional Council strongly recommends that a procedure be implemented to give deregistered Executive Committees an immediate chance to apply for Student Group Activities Committee student group status because of their previous roles as major providers of programming on campus. Without giving them the immediate opportunity to have Category I status, major campus programming may be lost.

There was no dissent in this case.