

# UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI STUDENT GOVERNMENT SUPREME COURT

ADVISORY OPINION TO RECOMMEND THAT THE COUNCIL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND ORGANIZATION (COISO) RETAIN THEIR SENATE SEAT

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On Monday, September 9th, 2019, a representative of the Council of International Students and Organizations came before the University of Miami Student Supreme Court presenting their opinion as to whether they should retain their Senate seat.

*HELD:* Pursuant to Article II, Section 2-4 of the Constitution of the University of Miami Student Government, it is the majority opinion of the Court that COISO should be granted Senate membership.

## ADVISORY OPINION TO RECOMMEND THAT THE COUNCIL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS (COISO) BE GRANTED A SENATE SEAT

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE DANIEL delivered the following opinion.

Article II, Section 2-4 of the University of Miami Student Government Constitution entitles any undergraduate student organization a seat in the Senate if the organization “demonstrates substantive need.” Furthermore, two conditions must be met: (1) the organization “is a duly registered University student organization,” and (2) “receives funding from a mandatory fee source in the University.” The Supreme Court has determined that COISO meets both qualifications as it is a duly registered student organization that receives SAFAC funding.

COISO serves a key role on campus as they offer international students certain services on campus and promote diversity among the student body as a whole. They represent not just international students but also serve as a voice for the Council of Presidents, made up of the presidents of several cultural organizations. The representative spoke of new initiatives that they would need Senate reach to implement. Through the testimony of the COISO representative, it became clear that COISO serves an important function at the University of Miami. Through their membership in the Senate, they can continue to have a positive impact on campus life.

After careful consideration, the Supreme Court believes that COISO is a student organization that merits a favorable recommendation to retain Senate membership.