

# UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI STUDENT GOVERNMENT SUPREME COURT

## ADVISORY OPINION TO RECOMMEND THAT THE MULTICULTURAL GREEK COUNCIL ASSOCIATION BE GRANTED A SENATE SEAT

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On Monday, September 23, 2019, Sam Medina of the Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) came before the University of Miami Student Government Supreme Court to present 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, the Supreme Court recommended that MGC be granted Senate membership.

CHIEF JUSTICE MCGRATH delivered the opinion of the Court.

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CHIEF JUSTICE MCGRATH delivered the following opinion.

Article II, Section 2-4 of the University of Miami Student Government Constitution entails any undergraduate student organization a senate seat if the organization “demonstrates substantive need”. Furthermore, two condition 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 MGC meets both requirements.

MGC’s President, Sam Media, presented evidence that MGC hopes to play an influential role for multicultural student life on campus. The representative contended that MGC represents a vital voice for diversity on campus, thus should be granted representation in Senate. The organization was founded in 2000, and granted Senate representation in the past, however failed to fill their Senate seat for at least one (1) academic year. The representative, however, noted precedent set by the predominantly white Panhellenic Council’s representation in Senate. Ms. Medina further testified that MGC is in the process of bringing several more multicultural fraternities and sororities to campus. The Supreme Court came to the conclusion that MGC deserves representation in Senate due to Student Government’s core values of diversity. The Court believes that it is important to have a multitude of voices represented in Senate, thus MGC deserves representation.

*HELD:* After careful consideration, the Supreme Court believes that MGC is a student organization that merits favorable recommendation to grant Senate membership.