

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI STUDENT GOVERNMENT SUPREME COURT

ADVISORY OPINION TO RECOMMEND THAT PANHELLENIC COUNCIL RETAIN THEIR SENATE SEAT

Speaker Adeleke,

On Tuesday, August 27th, 2019, Shree Patel of the Panhellenic Council 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 unanimously recommended that Panhellenic be granted Senate membership.

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE HOFFMAN delivered the opinion of the Court.

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ASSOCIATE JUSTICE ANTHONY HOFFMAN delivered THE opinion of the Court.

The Pan-Hellenic Council is an organization of female Greek-life members whose mission is to provide a safer and more enjoyable experience for all female Greek-life members. Through their seat in Senate, the Pan-Hellenic Council (Pan-Hel) has achieved this goal. One major accomplishment of the Pan-Hel senate seat was the lights in the parking lot behind the sorority suite. The lights create a safer environment for sorority members who use the parking lot at night, furthering the mission of Pan-Hel.

Also, Pan-Hel has a significant constituency. Over twenty percent of students at the University of Miami, and Pan-Hel advocates for around half of that group of students. With over one-tenth of the student body in their constituency, Pan-Hel demonstrates that their organization has a significant need for a senate seat.

Therefore, the Court advises that the Pan-Hellenic Council RETAIN their seat in Senate.