

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI STUDENT GOVERNMENT SUPREME COURT

ADVISORY OPINION TO RECOMMEND THAT SPECTRUM TO RETAIN THEIR SENATE SEAT

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On Tuesday, August 27th, 2019, Jane Perlman of SpectrUM came before the University of Miami Student Government 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, the Supreme Court unanimously recommended that SpectrUM 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 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 SpectrUM meets both qualifications, SpectrUM is a duly registered student organization that receives funding from SAFAC.

Senator Perlman presented evidence that SpectrUM has a long history on the University of Miami campus, and they offer a community for LGBTQ+ students across campus. The representative also provided evidence that SpectrUM has accomplished tangible goals in Senate on behalf of their constituency. Through the testimony that was presented to the court, it became evident that SpectrUM represents a unique constituency that deserves representation in the Student Government Senate.

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