

Opinion of the Court

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI
STUDENT GOVERNMENT SUPREME COURT

ADVISORY OPINION REGARDING THE COMBINATION OF THE ROLES OF THE VICE
PRESIDENT AND THE SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE VIGNESH SELVARAJ authored this Opinion.

ON MARCH 3rd, 2021, Speaker Alexander Labarbera requested an Advisory Opinion regarding the possibility of joining the roles and responsibilities of the Vice President of Student Government and the Speaker of the Senate into a single entity. The Constitution clearly separates the two aforementioned roles as two different entities with stark differences in their roles (Article I, Section 3-1 and 3-1.1 for the Speaker of the Senate; Article III, Section 4 for the Vice President of Student Government).

As it stands, the court finds this motion unconstitutional as it directly contradicts what is highlighted in the Constitution. However, Senate may propose necessary amendments to the Constitution and Statutes that addresses the roles and responsibilities of the Vice President of Student Government and the Speaker of the Senate to pursue this matter.