

ASSU Constitutional Council

Brown and Berriman

v.

Graduate Student Council (2025)

CASE DOCKET

Representative for the Petitioner: Ava Brown, Executive President Candidate	Representative for the Respondent: Áron Ricardo Perez-Lopez, GSC co-chair
BEFORE: Xavier Millan, <i>Chair</i> , Dante Danelian, Elsa Zhou, Kyle Melatti, Michael Sommeling <i>Councillors</i>	

No.	Date	Filing
1	May 6th, 2025	Petitioner's complaint
2	May 8th, 2025	Brief Amicus Curiae of Sebastian Strawser
3	May 8th, 2025	Response of the Graduate Student Council
4	May 11th, 2025	Brief Amicus Curiae of Emmit Pert
5	May 13th, 2025	Brief Amicus Curiae of Gordon Allen
6	May 14th, 2025	<p>The ASSU Constitutional Council has voted to accept the case of <i>Brown and Berriman v. Graduate Student Council (2025)</i>.</p> <p>Meeting Minutes - Meeting Recording Passcode: g4?u.!ql</p> <p>Physical or written evidence a party plans to present as part of its case must be submitted to the Chair by Saturday, May 17, 2025 at 10:00am.</p> <p>If a party plans to call any witnesses, its representative must submit a witness list to the Chair by Saturday, May 17, 2025 at 10:00am.</p> <p>Any stipulations the Parties wish to submit, if any, must be submitted to the Chair by Sunday, May 18, 2025 at 10:00am.</p>
7	May 17th, 2025	Respondent's Evidence (Handbook Email Thread)
8	May 17th, 2025	Respondent's Evidence (Screenshot Exhibits)
9	May 17th, 2025	Petitioner's Evidence (Timeline)
10	May 17th, 2025	Petitioner's Evidence (Statistical Analysis of Voter Turnout)
11	May 17th, 2025	Petitioner's Witness List: Gabriella Holzer, Elections Commissioner

12	May 18th, 2025	Proposed Stipulations
13	May 19th, 2025	<p>Hearing Date: Monday, May 19, 2025 Time: 10:00am Location: ASSU Main Office - Old Union - Large Conference Room 01-104 Remote Option: [Zoom Link] Format: Hybrid format allowing in-person attendance and remote participation</p> <p>Hearing Recording - Passcode: t8Y+XzDw</p> <p>The Constitutional Council will issue a ruling with 7 days of the hearing</p>
14	May 26th, 2025	<p>DECISION</p> <p>The Constitutional Council unanimously holds that the Graduate Student Council's non-certification of the 2025 General Election on May 5th is plainly constitutional as no reasons need be cited for failing to certify. See Joint Bylaws Art. V § 8.3.</p> <p>A majority of the Council interprets Joint Bylaws Article V Section 8 the GSC's power to call for a new election under non-certification as standardless. Therefore Section 9, "Calling New Elections," governs this case. For the GSC to have called a new election, it would have had to vote to invalidate the General Election. We need go no further because GSC has now decided to certify and annulled its call for a new election.</p> <p>If the Undergraduate Senate (UGS) votes not to certify the results of the General Election, they have forfeited the ability to invalidate the election results as the deadline has passed. The 2025 General Election results stand <i>in toto</i>.</p> <p>Written opinion forthcoming.</p>
15	May 26th, 2025	<p>Opinion</p> <p>Councilor MELATTI delivered the opinion of the Council.</p>

Helpful Resources

- [ASSU Constitution and Bylaws](#)
- [Constitutional Council website](#)
- [Rules of Order of the Constitutional Council](#)
- Contact the chair of the Council: cc-chair@assu.stanford.edu