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<a href="#">Click here</a> to access the folder of documents and opinions from past terms (F91 - S24).	<b>Public meeting dates:</b> September 29, 2024; October 27, 2024; November 10, 2024; and December 1, 2024.	[CASE UPDATES] The Court presiding over SC-24-001 'HMS et al. v. SGA et al.,' comprised of Chief Justice DE BELLIS, DCJ COUGHLIN and Justices SALAZAR, MORA and FLEMING ordered a dismissal without prejudice. DE BELLIS, C.J. wrote the Opinion of the Court; COUGHLIN and SALAZAR, J.J., each attached concurrences.		
<a href="#">Click here</a> to access the folder of forms and resources for bringing matters before the Court.		[BENCH UPDATES] The Court welcomed two new Justices, Rachel Edwards and Kate Murphy, to the Student Court, as well as Elijah McKILLOP as a Clerk.		
Most recent general order: <a href="#">October 1, 2024</a>		[ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES] Per the April 27, 2024, General Order of the Court, the Court thanked Chief Justice Khushi PALAN for her years of service. The Court comprised of Justices SALAZAR, DE BELLIS, COUGHLIN, MORA, and FLEMING elected Matthew DE BELLIS as Chief Justice of the Student Court and appointed Jasper COUGHLIN as Deputy Chief Justice.		

DOCKET NO.	DATE FILED	NAMED PLAINTIFFS	NAMED DEFENDANTS	CURRENT STATUS	LATEST ACTION	PAST ACTION
<a href="#">SC-24-001</a>	May 5, 2024	GWHMS, Israel Cesar Porrata SALGADO, Will O'CONNELL, Lily VANDERLAAN	Student Government Association, Ethan FITZGERALD, Ethan LYNNE	DISMISSED without Prejudice	Sep 29, 2024	<a href="#">Order Denying the Plaintiff's and Defendant's Motions and Scheduling Preliminary Hearings</a> Click here to see sheet
<a href="#">SC-23-003</a>	Mar 29, 2023	Christian ZIDOUEMBA	Joint Elections Commission	DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE	Apr 13, 2023	<a href="#">Order Denying Plaintiff's Motion to Change Counsel and Dismissing Case With Prejudice</a> <a href="#">Click here to see sheet</a>
<a href="#">SC-23-002</a>	Mar 29, 2023	Aidan SPENCER	Joint Elections Commission	DISMISSED without prejudice (CASE SETTLED)	Apr 3, 2023	<a href="#">Order Regarding Withdrawal of Complaint</a> <a href="#">Click here to see sheet</a>
<a href="#">SC-23-001</a>	Mar 28, 2023	Mohamed Redzuan Bin Mohamed RAFFE	Joint Elections Commission	DISMISSED without prejudice (CASE SETTLED)	Apr 1, 2023	<a href="#">Order Regarding Withdrawal of Complaint</a> <a href="#">Click here to see sheet</a>
<a href="#">SC-22-002</a>	Jul 18, 2022	Cordelia SCALES	Christian ZIDOUEMBA	[6] FINAL JUDGMENT ISSUED	Oct 9, 2022	<a href="#">Final Judgment</a> <a href="#">Click here to see sheet</a>
<a href="#">SC-22-001</a>	Feb 21, 2022	Holden FITZGERALD, Juan Carlos MORA, Andrew HARDING	Yan XU, Kate CARPENTER	[6] FINAL JUDGMENT ISSUED	May 1, 2022	<a href="#">Final Judgment</a> <a href="#">Click here to see sheet</a>
<a href="#">SC-21-003</a>	Sept 17, 2021	Holden FITZGERALD, Juan Carlos MORA, Andrew HARDING	Kate CARPENTER, Cordelia SCALES, Chris PINO	[6] FINAL JUDGMENT ISSUED	Oct 28, 2021	<a href="#">Final Judgment</a> <a href="#">Click here to see sheet</a>
<a href="#">SC-21-002</a>	Apr 5, 2021	Hannah EDWARDS	Joint Elections Committee, Chloe WAGNER	DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE	Apr 14, 2021	<a href="#">Initial Consideration Order</a> <a href="#">Click here to see sheet</a>
<a href="#">SC-21-001</a>	Feb 16, 2021	Brandon HILL	Joint Elections Committee, Chloe WAGNER	[6] FINAL JUDGMENT ISSUED	Mar 7, 2021	<a href="#">Final Judgment</a> <a href="#">Click here to see sheet</a>
<a href="#">SC-20-003</a>	Apr 27, 2020	AJ LINK, Robbie WITTE	Student Association	DISMISSED without prejudice	Aug 28, 2020	<a href="#">Initial Consideration Order</a> <a href="#">Click here to see sheet</a>
<a href="#">SC-20-002</a>	Apr 27, 2020	AJ LINK, Robbie WITTE	Student Association	[6] FINAL JUDGMENT ISSUED	Nov 19, 2020	<a href="#">Final Judgment</a> <a href="#">Click here to see sheet</a>

HMS, et al. v. Student Government Association, et al.		Issue:	Whether JEC erred in finding ample evidence of probable cause to indict Christian Zidouemba violating Section 70718 of the SA Unified Bylaws and whether JEC violated Christian Zidouemba's rights to due process and equal protection of the JEC Bylaws, pursuant to the Constitution.
		Holding:	N/A
		Judgment:	N/A
		DATE	PROCEEDINGS AND ORDERS
Docket No:	<a href="#">SC-24-001</a>	May 5, 2024	<a href="#">Complaint of Israel PORRATA, Will O'CONNELL, Lily VANDERLAAN, and GW HMS</a> naming the STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION, President Ethan FITZGERALD, and Vice President ETHAN LYNN as defendants.  Order scheduling initial consideration hearing assigning docket number of SC-24-001; <b>setting May 7, 2024 as date for initial consideration by Court; and ordering answer from the defendants.</b> All documents due by 7:59 p.m. EDT of May 7, 2024.
[1] Case initiated:	May 5, 2024	May 7, 2024	Defendants, represented by Deepthi SATHYANARAYANA and Alexia COLELLA, filed <a href="#">Answer</a> .
Initial consideration meeting:	May 7-8, 2024	May 7, 2024	Defendants, represented by Deepthi SATHYANARAYANA and Alexia COLELLA, file <a href="#">Motion for Recusal</a> , <a href="#">Motion for Closed Hearings</a> , and <a href="#">Motion for Divided Arguments</a> . The Court will decide on the motions at its initial consideration meeting on May 7, 2024.
Assigned to:	Full Court	May 8, 2024	Plaintiffs, represented by Will O'CONNELL, file <a href="#">Motion for Sanctions and Opposition to Defendant's Motion for Recusal</a> .
Defense Motion for Recusal	May 7, 2024	May 7-8, 2024	Meeting of Court. Initial consideration given to complaint.  <a href="#">Order regarding preliminary hearings, denial of plaintiff's and defendant's motions.</a> The Plaintiff's Motion for Sanctions is <b>DENIED</b> . The Defendant's Motion for Recusal is <b>DENIED</b> . <b>SC-24-001 is not dismissed, assigned to the full Court</b> ; Expedited review is <b>GRANTED</b> . <i>Preliminary Hearings to be scheduled upon receipt of counselors' availabilities.</i>
[2] Plaintiff's Rebuttal to Defense Motion for Recusal	May 8, 2024	May 8, 2024	<b>Both parties are ORDERED</b> to submit briefs outlining their positions on the following questions: [1] Whether this case should be dismissed on the grounds that it asks this Court to answer or resolve a political question (see, e.g., S.G.A. Constitution, Article XII(3)(b)); [2] Whether the Plaintiffs have standing to bring forth their action; and [3] Whether this case should be considered moot due to the resolution of the Senate passed on Monday, May 6, 2024.  <b>Ordered Briefs and Amicus Briefs are due at 7:59p.m., EDT, May 17, 2024</b> , and are to be sent to the CHIEF JUSTICE via email, with the remainder of the Court copied.  <b>Defendants are ORDERED</b> to provide a brief containing the following: a. A statement regarding the provenance of Figures 1 and 2 of Defendants' Motion filed May 7, 2024. b. A statement regarding how the provenance of the above mentioned figures comport with— i. Article IV, §4(b)(ii)(2) of the Bylaws of the Joint Elections Commission, and ii. Article V, §1(b) of the Bylaws of the Joint Elections Commission
Answer filed:	May 8, 2024	May 12, 2024	Defendants, represented by Deepthi SATHYANARAYANA, file <a href="#">Brief on Provenance of Certain Documents</a> .
[3] Preliminary hearings:	May 8, 2024	May 8, 2024	Order Regarding <a href="#">Scheduling of Preliminary Hearing</a>
[4] Full hearings:	N/A	Sep 29, 2024	Order dismissing the case without prejudice
Case submitted:	N/A		
[5] Preliminary decision:	N/A		
Judgment issued:	N/A		
[6] Opinion author:	N/A		
Vote:	N/A		

Zidouemba v. JEC		Issue:	Whether JEC erred in finding ample evidence of probable cause to indict Christian Zidouemba violating Section 70718 of the SA Unified Bylaws and whether JEC violated Christian Zidouemba's rights to due process and equal protection of the JEC Bylaws, pursuant to the Constitution.	
		Holding:	N/A	
		Judgment:	N/A	
		DATE	PROCEEDINGS AND ORDERS	
	Docket No:	<a href="#">SC-23-003</a>	March 28, 2023	<a href="#">Notice of Appeal</a> of Joint Elections Commission decision filed with Court by email.
[1]	Case initiated:	March 29, 2023	March 30, 2023	<a href="#">Complaint</a> of Christian ZIDOUEMBA, plaintiff, naming Joint Elections Commission as defendant filed with Court by email.
	Initial consideration meeting:	March 30, 2023	March 30, 2023	<a href="#">Order scheduling initial consideration meeting</a> assigning docket number of SC-23-003; <b>setting March 30, 2023 as date for initial consideration by Court; ordering answer from defendant</b> with all documents due by 11:59 p.m. EDT of April 1, 2023; and <b>granting a preliminary injunction against the JEC enjoining it from conducting any election for any Student Association position</b> , which is set to terminate at 11:59 p.m. EDT on March 31, 2023.
	Assigned to:	Full Court	March 30, 2023	Meeting of Court. Initial consideration given to complaint. <a href="#">Order regarding initial consideration meeting.</a> <b>Case not dismissed; case assigned to full Court; preliminary hearings waived; expedited review is granted; Defendant Joint Elections Commission is enjoined from conducting any election for any Student Association position.</b>
[2]	Answer filed:	April 2, 2023	Apr 1, 2023	<b>Full hearings set for 5:00 p.m. EDT on April 8, 2023; briefs ordered on following questions, to not exceed 8,000 words, due by 11:59 p.m. EDT on April 4, 2023:</b> [1] Whether the Joint Elections Commission erred in its finding of ample evidence of probable cause to indict Christian Zidouemba for an alleged violation of Section 70718 of the Student Association Unified Bylaws. [2] Whether the Joint Elections Commission erred in its decision to find Christian Zidouemba guilty of violating Section 70718 of the Student Association Unified Bylaws, assess six penalty points according to Section 70806(13), and issue an order disqualifying Christian Zidouemba's candidacy according to Section 70808(a)(1). [3] Whether the Joint Elections Commission violated Christian Zidouemba's rights to due process and equal protection of the Student Association Unified Bylaws pursuant to the Constitution, including but not limited to Christian Zidouemba's right to not be denied any right, privilege, position, or status by reason of discrimination on the basis of political belief. <b>Amicus briefs, addressing any or all of the questions, are due by 11:59 p.m. EDT on April 4, 2023.</b>
[3]	Preliminary hearings:	<i>waived</i>	Apr 2, 2023	Defendant, represented by Juan Carlos MORA and Adam GALLAND, filed <a href="#">Answer</a> .
[4]	Full hearings:	N/A	Apr 3, 2023	Defendant filed <a href="#">Motion to Dismiss</a> . Court serves such motion on plaintiff and allows plaintiff to file an opposition by April 5, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. EDT.
[5]	Case submitted:	N/A	Apr 3, 2023	Plaintiff, represented by Arjun Singh, filed an <a href="#">Amended Complaint</a> .
	Preliminary decision:	N/A	Apr 4, 2023	<a href="#">Amicus Curiae Brief in support of Plaintiff</a> filed by Bryce Hudson.
	Judgment issued:	N/A	Apr 4, 2023	<a href="#">Amicus Curiae Brief in support of Plaintiff</a> filed by Keanu Rowe.
[6]	Opinion author:	N/A	Apr 4, 2023	<a href="#">Amicus Curiae Brief in support of neither party</a> filed by Dylan Basescu.
	Vote:	N/A	Apr 4, 2023	<a href="#">Amicus Curiae Brief in support of Plaintiff</a> filed by Jan Wechsler.
			Apr 5, 2023	<a href="#">Plaintiff brief</a> filed.
			Apr 5, 2023	<a href="#">Defendant brief</a> filed.
			Apr 5, 2023	<a href="#">Amicus Curiae Brief in support of Plaintiff</a> filed by Joshua Espulgar-Rowe.
			Apr 6, 2023	Plaintiff filed a <a href="#">Motion to Withdraw Complaint</a> .
			Apr 7, 2023	<a href="#">Order regarding denying Defendant's Motion to Dismiss.</a>
			Apr 7, 2023	Plaintiff withdrew from the case by submitting a notice to the Chief Justice.
			Apr 7, 2023	<a href="#">Order regarding withdrawal of complaint.</a> Case dismissed without prejudice. Any outstanding injunction or other equitable relief is dissolved.
			Apr 7, 2023	Plaintiff files a <a href="#">Motion to Change Counsel</a> .
			Apr 8, 2023	Plaintiff files a new <a href="#">Notice of Appeal</a> and <a href="#">Complaint</a> .
			Apr 13, 2023	<a href="#">Order denying Plaintiff's Motion to Change Counsel and Dismissing the case With Prejudice.</a>

Spencer v. JEC			Issue:	Whether Plaintiff's petition to run in the Senatorial Election is considered invalid under the JEC's ex post facto interpretation of Section 70501 of the SA Unified Bylaws.
			Holding:	N/A
			Judgment:	N/A
			DATE	PROCEEDINGS AND ORDERS
	Docket No:	SC-23-002	March 29, 2023	<a href="#">Notice of Appeal</a> of Joint Elections Commission decision and <a href="#">Complaint</a> of Aidan SPENCER, plaintiff, naming Joint Elections Commission as defendant filed with Court by email.
[1]	Case initiated:	March 29, 2023	March 30, 2023	<a href="#">Order scheduling initial consideration meeting</a> assigning docket number of SC-23-002; <b>setting March 30, 2023 as date for initial consideration by Court; ordering answer from defendant</b> with all documents due by 11:59 p.m. EDT of April 1, 2023; and <b>granting a preliminary injunction against the JEC enjoining it from conducting any election for any Student Association position</b> , which is set to terminate at 11:59 p.m. EDT on March 31, 2023.
	Initial consideration meeting:	March 30, 2023	March 30, 2023	Meeting of Court. Initial consideration given to complaint.
[2]	Assigned to:	Full Court	Apr 1, 2023	<a href="#">Order regarding initial consideration meeting</a> . <b>Case not dismissed; case assigned to full Court; preliminary hearings waived; expedited review is granted; Defendant Joint Elections Commission is enjoined from conducting any election for any Student Association position.</b>  <b>Full hearings set for 5:00 p.m. EDT on April 8, 2023; briefs ordered on following questions, to not exceed 6,000 words, due by 11:59 p.m. EDT on April 4, 2023:</b> [1] Whether Aidan Spencer's petition to run in the Columbian College of Arts & Science Undergraduate Senatorial Election is considered invalid under the Joint Elections Commission's interpretation of Section 70501 of the Student Association Unified Bylaws, which occurred after the petition deadline. [2] Whether Aidan Spencer's petition was considered valid in accordance with Section 501(b) of the Charter of the Joint Elections Commission before the Joint Elections Commission implemented its interpretation of Section 70501.  <b>Amicus briefs, addressing any or all of the questions, are due by 11:59 p.m. EDT on April 4, 2023.</b>
	Answer filed:	N/A	Apr 1, 2023	Defendant Joint Elections Commission, represented by Juan Carlos MORA and Adam GALLAND, submits an informal request for continuance to the Court for a 2-day extension to file the documents and information requested in the Court's order dated March 30, 2023, in hopes the parties will settle prior to the new April 3, 2023 deadline.
[3]	Preliminary hearings:	<i>waived</i>	Apr 1, 2023	<a href="#">Order regarding continuance</a> , granting the extension request.
		N/A	Apr 3, 2023	Case settled between the parties out of Court. Complaint withdrawn by the Plaintiff.
[4]	Full hearings:	N/A	Apr 3, 2023	<a href="#">Order regarding withdrawal of complaint</a> . Case dismissed without prejudice. Any outstanding injunction or other equitable relief is dissolved.
[5]	Case submitted:	N/A		
	Preliminary decision:	N/A		
	Judgment issued:	N/A		
[6]	Opinion author:	N/A		
	Vote:	N/A		

Raffe v. JEC			<b>Issue:</b>	Whether Plaintiff's petition to run in the Presidential Election is considered invalid under the JEC's ex post facto interpretation of Section 70501 of the SA Unified Bylaws.
			<b>Holding:</b>	N/A
			<b>Judgment:</b>	N/A
			<b>DATE</b>	<b>PROCEEDINGS AND ORDERS</b>
	Docket No:	SC-23-001	March 28, 2023	<a href="#">Notice of Appeal</a> of Joint Elections Commission decision and <a href="#">Complaint</a> of Mohamed Redzuan Bin Mohamed RAFFE, plaintiff, naming Joint Elections Commission as defendant filed with Court by email.
[1]	Case initiated:	March 28, 2023	March 29, 2023	<a href="#">Order scheduling initial consideration meeting</a> assigning docket number of SC-23-001; <b>setting March 29, 2023 as date for initial consideration by Court; ordering answer from defendant</b> with all documents due by 11:59 p.m. EDT of March 31, 2023; and <b>granting a preliminary injunction against the JEC enjoining it from conducting any election for any Student Association position</b> , which is set to terminate at 11:59 p.m. EDT on March 30, 2023.
	Initial consideration meeting:	March 29, 2023	March 29, 2023	Plaintiff, represented by Peyton Fillman, files an <a href="#">Amended Complaint</a> , correcting a typo.
	Assigned to:	Full Court	March 30, 2023	Meeting of Court. Initial consideration given to complaint.
[2]	Answer filed:	N/A	March 30, 2023	<a href="#">Order regarding initial consideration meeting</a> . <b>Case not dismissed; case assigned to full Court; preliminary hearings waived; expedited review is granted; Defendant Joint Elections Commission is enjoined from conducting any election for any Student Association position.</b>  <b>Full hearings set for 5:00 p.m. EDT on April 8, 2023; briefs ordered on following questions, to not exceed 6,000 words, due by 11:59 p.m. EDT on April 3, 2023:</b> [1] Whether Mohamed Redzuan Bin Mohamed Raffe's petition to run in the Presidential Election is considered invalid under the Joint Elections Commission's interpretation of Section 70501 of the Student Association Unified Bylaws, which occurred after the petition deadline. [2] Whether Mohamed Redzuan Bin Mohamed Raffe's petition was considered valid in accordance with Section 501(b) of the Charter of the Joint Elections Commission before the Joint Elections Commission implemented its interpretation of Section 70501.  <b>Amicus briefs, addressing any or all of the questions, are due by 11:59 p.m. EDT on April 3, 2023.</b>
[3]	Preliminary hearings:	<i>waived</i>	March 31, 2023	Case settled between the parties out of Court. Complaint withdrawn by the Plaintiff.
[4]	Full hearings:	N/A	Apr 1, 2023	<a href="#">Order regarding withdrawal of complaint</a> . Case dismissed without prejudice. Any outstanding injunction or other equitable relief is dissolved.
[5]	Case submitted:	N/A		
	Preliminary decision:	N/A		
	Judgment issued:	N/A		
[6]	Opinion author:	N/A		
	Vote:	N/A		

## Scales v. Zidouemba

<b>Issue:</b>	Whether Christian Zidouemba was removed as President of the Student Association and whether Christian Zidouemba exceeded his authority when he terminated Cordelia Scales as Chief of Staff.
<b>Holding:</b>	Christian Zidouemba was not removed as President of the Student Association because the Article XV, Section 3 vote to remove him from Office was not unanimous because Scales cast the Chief of Staff vote, but was never Chief of Staff because the Senate unconstitutionally confirmed more than one Chief of Staff (including Plaintiff) simultaneously; and Christian Zidouemba did not exceed his authority when he attempted to terminate Cordelia Scales as Chief of Staff.
<b>Judgment:</b>	Plaintiff Cordelia Scales is denied declarative relief; and judgment entered in favor of the Defendant, Christian Zidouemba, 6-0, in an opinion by Chief Justice EAGER on October 9, 2022. Associate Justice RAZA filed a concurring opinion, in which Associate Justices LAM and PALAN joined.

		DATE	PROCEEDINGS AND ORDERS
Docket No:	<a href="#">SC-22-002</a>	July 18, 2022	<a href="#">Complaint of Cordelia SCALES</a> , plaintiff, naming Christian ZIDOUEMBA as defendant filed with Court by email.
[1] Case initiated:	July 18, 2022	Aug 31, 2022	<a href="#">Order scheduling initial consideration meeting</a> assigning docket number of SC-22-002; <b>setting September 4, 2022 as date for initial consideration by Court; and ordering answer from defendant.</b> All documents due by 11:59 p.m. EDT of September 3, 2022.
[2] Initial consideration meeting:	Sept 4, 2022	Sep 3, 2022	NIEMINEN, J., transmits her <a href="#">resignation</a> from the Court, effective immediately.
Assigned to:	Full Court	Sep 4, 2022	Defendant, represented by Legislator General Andrew HARDING, filed <a href="#">Answer</a> . Defendant, represented by Senate Chief Counsel Juan Carlos MORA, filed <a href="#">Motion to Dismiss</a> . The Court will consider the motion at its initial consideration meeting on Sept 4, 2022.
Answer filed:	Sept 3, 2022	Sep 5, 2022	Meeting of Court. Initial consideration given to complaint.
[3] Preliminary hearings:	<i>waived</i>	Sep 8, 2022	Plaintiff, represented by Dylan Basescu, filed <a href="#">Opposition Motion</a> to Deny Defendant's Motion to Dismiss. <a href="#">Order regarding initial consideration meeting and denying Defendant's Motion to Dismiss</a> . <b>Case not dismissed; case assigned to full Court; preliminary hearings waived.</b>  <b>Full hearings set for 6:00 p.m. EDT on September 23, 2022; briefs ordered on following questions, to not exceed 8,000 words, due by 11:59 p.m. EDT on September 15, 2022:</b> [1] Is the decision to invoke Article XV, Section 3(a) of The George Washington University Student Association Constitution subject to the review of this Court? [2] Who was the President of the Student Association and retained the powers of the office vested therein at 5:39 p.m. EDT on July 1, 2022? [3] Who was the President of the Student Association and retained the powers of the office vested therein at 6:06 p.m. EDT on July 1, 2022? [4] Did Christian Zidouemba exceed his authority when he attempted to terminate the position of Cordelia Scales as Chief of Staff to the President at 5:52 p.m. EDT on July 1, 2022? [5] Whether the invocation of Article XV, Section 3(a) of The George Washington University Student Association Constitution, when multiple individuals possess a singular title listed therein, requires the affirmative vote of all individuals possessing that singular title held by multiple individuals. [6] When does the transfer of power occur after a unanimous vote to remove the President under Article XV, Section 3 of The George Washington University Student Association Constitution? [7] Is Cordelia Scales entitled to declarative relief by the Court ordering that Cordelia Scales is retained in her position as Chief of Staff to the President?  <b>Amicus briefs, addressing any or all of the questions, are due by 11:59 p.m. EDT on September 15, 2022.</b>
[4] Full hearings:	Sept 23, 2022	Sep 12, 2022	<a href="#">Plaintiff Brief</a> filed.
[5] Case submitted:	Sept 23, 2022	Sep 15, 2022	<a href="#">Amicus Curiae Brief in support of Defendant</a> filed by Aiza Saeed.
Preliminary decision:	Sept 25, 2022	Sep 15, 2022	<a href="#">Defendant Brief</a> filed.
Judgment issued:	Oct 9, 2022	Sep 16, 2022	Plaintiff files <a href="#">Motion to Exclude Amicus Curiae's Brief</a> .
[6] Opinion author:	EAGER, C.J.	Sep 18, 2022	Defendant filed <a href="#">Opposition Motion</a> to Plaintiff's Motion to Exclude.
Vote:	6-0, ZIDOUEMBA	Sep 18, 2022	Meeting of Court. Consideration given to Plaintiff's Motion to Exclude Brief of Aiza Saeed as Amicus Curiae in support of Defendant.
		Sep 20, 2022	<a href="#">Order denying Plaintiff's Motion to Exclude Brief of Aiza Saeed in support of Defendant</a> .
		Sep 23, 2022	Meeting of Court. <a href="#">Full hearing held</a> (EAGER, C.J., presiding), with Basescu for Plaintiff and Senate Chief Counsel Mora for Defendant.
		Sep 25, 2022	<a href="#">Preliminary decision order</a> : preliminary decision reserved; no preliminary or provisional relief granted; final judgment to be presented and read at public meeting of Court held by October 9, 2022, to be scheduled by future order.
		Oct 6, 2022	Court completes voting on draft judgment and opinion.
		Oct 7, 2022	<a href="#">Order scheduling reading of final judgment</a> : reading of final judgment scheduled for 12:00 pm on October 9, 2022, via Zoom.
		Oct 9, 2022	Meeting of Court. EAGER, C.J., delivered the <a href="#">Judgment of the Court</a> . Court (6-0) rules in favor of Defendant, President Christian ZIDOUEMBA. RAZA, J., attaches a separate full concurrence opinion, which is joined by LAM, and PALAN, JJ.

Fitzgerald, et al. v. Xu, et al.		Issue:	Whether Section 511 of the Student Association Bylaws, as enacted by the <i>Financial Reorganization Act</i> , SB-F21-10 (enacted Dec. 6, 2021), and reincorporated by Section 2(d) of the <i>Financial Reform Act</i> , SB-S22-03 (enacted Mar. 5, 2022), violate the Student Association Constitution.
		Holding:	The power to sanction is an executive power as it is a power exercised in enforcing the established rules, regulations, and policies that comprise the Student Association's financial policies; and the Student Association Constitution entrusts enforcement to the Executive Branch. Accordingly, per Article IX of the Student Association Constitution, the power to sanction must be vested in the Executive Branch (and specifically the Student Association Treasurer). Section 511 unconstitutionally vests the power to sanction in the Legislative Branch and therefore must be invalidated.
		Judgment:	Section 511 of the Student Association Bylaws is declared invalid; and judgment entered in favor of the Plaintiffs (Legislator General Holden FITZGERALD et al.), 6-1, in an opinion by Chief Justice TSAI on May 1, 2022. Associate Justice SALAZAR filed a concurring opinion, in which Associate Justice PALAN joined. Associate Justice EAGER filed an opinion concurring in part and dissenting in part. Associate Justice NOREDIN filed a dissenting opinion.
		DATE	PROCEEDINGS AND ORDERS
Docket No:	<a href="#">SC-22-001</a>	Feb 21, 2022	<a href="#">Complaint of Holden FITZGERALD, Juan Carlos MORA, and Andrew HARDING</a> , naming Yan XU as primary defendant and Kate CARPENTER as co-defendant filed with Court by email. <a href="#">Order scheduling initial consideration meeting</a> assigning docket number of SC-22-001; <b>setting February 27, 2022 as date for initial consideration by Court; and ordering answer from defendants</b> . All documents due by 5 PM of February 26, 2022.
[1] Case initiated:	Feb 21, 2022; amended complaint filed Mar 22, 2022	Feb 25, 2022	Defendants file <a href="#">motion to stay filing deadline for answer</a> pending action by the Senate regarding legislation that may directly affect the issues raised in the complaint. Chief Justice TSAI <a href="#">grants the motion</a> insofar as Defendants are no longer required to file a single joint answer by 5 PM of February 26, 2022.
Initial consideration meeting:	Apr 3, 2022	Feb 27, 2022	Meeting of Court. Court defers initial consideration and issues <a href="#">order staying further proceedings pending final action on pending legislation before the Senate</a> .
[2] Assigned to:	Full Court	Feb 28, 2022	Student Association Senate passes <a href="#">The Financial Reform Act, SB-S22-03</a> .
Answer filed:	Mar 31, 2022	Mar 5, 2022	Student Association President Brandon Hill signs <a href="#">The Financial Reform Act, SB-S22-03</a> .
[3] Preliminary hearings:	<i>waived</i>	Mar 22, 2022	Juan Carlos MORA, on behalf of Plaintiffs, files <a href="#">amended complaint</a> with Court by email.
[4] Full hearings:	Apr 10, 2022	Mar 24, 2022	<a href="#">Order scheduling initial consideration meeting setting April 3, 2022 as date for initial consideration by Court; and ordering answer from defendants</a> , due 11:59 PM of March 30, 2022.
[5] Case submitted:	Apr 10, 2022	Mar 31, 2022	Yan XU, on behalf of Defendants, files <a href="#">answer</a> with Court by email.
Preliminary decision:	Apr 10, 2022	Apr 3, 2022	Meeting of Court. Initial consideration given.
[6] Judgment issued:	May 1, 2022	Apr 4, 2022	<a href="#">Initial consideration order</a> : case not dismissed; case assigned to full Court; preliminary hearings waived. <b>Full hearings set for 7 PM of April 10, 2022; briefs ordered on four questions, to not exceed 6,000 words, due 11:59 PM of April 8, 2022:</b> [1] With which branch of the Student Association does the sanction power lie? [2] What authority is required to levy a sanction? [3] What is the role of the Court in adjudicating appeals of sanctions? [4] If the Court should find a provision of the challenged law invalid, is the remainder of the law severable from the invalidated provision? <b>Amicus briefs, addressing any or all of the questions, are due 11:50 PM of April 8, 2022.</b>
Opinion author:	TSAI, C.J.	Apr 8, 2022	<a href="#">Brief of Plaintiffs</a> filed.
Vote:	6-1, FITZGERALD, et al.	Apr 9, 2022	<a href="#">Brief of Defendants</a> filed.
		Apr 10, 2022	Meeting of Court. <a href="#">Full hearings held</a> (TSAI, C.J., presiding), with ALGs Mora and Harding for Plaintiffs and Sen. Xu for Defendants. <a href="#">Preliminary decision order</a> ; preliminary decision reserved; no preliminary or provisional relief granted; final judgment to be presented and read at public meeting of Court held by May 1, 2022, to be scheduled by future order.
		Apr 27, 2022	Court completes voting on draft judgment and opinion.
		Apr 29, 2022	<a href="#">Order scheduling reading of final judgment</a> : reading of final judgment scheduled for 5 PM on May 1, 2022, via Zoom.
		May 1, 2022	Meeting of Court. TSAI, C.J., delivered the <a href="#">Final Judgment of the Court</a> . Court (6-1) rules in favor of Plaintiffs, Legislator General Holden FITZGERALD and Assistant Legislators General Juan Carlos MORA and Andrew HARDING. SALAZAR, J., attaches separate concurring opinion, which is joined by PALAN, J.; EAGER, J., attaches separate opinion concurring in part and dissenting in part; and NOREDIN, J., attaches separate dissenting opinion.

Fitzgerald, et al. v. Carpenter, et al.			Issue:	Whether the <i>First-Year Senators Amendment Act</i> , SSR-F21-01 (enacted Sept 13, 2021), violates the governing documents.
			Holding:	
			Judgment:	SSR-F21-01 is declared invalid in its entirety for all purposes; Section 3(b) of SSR-F21-02 is declared invalid; and SB-F21-04 is declared invalid in its entirety; and judgment entered for the Plaintiffs (Legislator General Holden FITZGERALD et al.), 6-0, in an opinion by Associate Justice RAZA on Oct 28, 2021. Associate Justice EAGER filed an opinion concurring in part and dissenting in part.
			DATE	PROCEEDINGS AND ORDERS
	Docket No:	<a href="#">SC-21-003</a>	Sept 17, 2021	<a href="#">Complaint of Holden FITZGERALD, Juan Carlos MORA, and Andrew HARDING</a> , naming Kate CARPENTER as primary defendant and Cordelia SCALES and Chris PINO as co-defendants, filed with Court by email. FITZGERALD et al. also seeks expedited review and a preliminary injunction enjoining the creation of the Special Elections Commission and placing the question in SSR-F21-01 on the ballot.
[1]	Case initiated:	Sept 17, 2021	Sept 20, 2021	<a href="#">Order scheduling initial consideration meeting</a> assigning docket number of SC-21-003; <b>granting preliminary injunction</b> enjoining Special Elections Committee from setting date and holding referendum until 11:59 PM of Sept 27, 2021; <b>setting Sept 24, 2021 as date for initial consideration by Court</b> ; and <b>ordering answer from defendants</b> . All documents due by 5 PM of Sept 23, 2021.  SORIAL, J., transmits her resignation from the Court, effective immediately.
	Initial consideration meeting:	Sept 24, 2021	Sept 21, 2021	Defendants, represented by Sen. PINO, file <a href="#">Motion for Dismissal and Motion to Seal Argument Part 3 of the Motion for Dismissal</a> . The Court will decide on the motions at its initial consideration hearing on Sept 24, 2021.
[2]	Assigned to:	Full Court	Sept 23, 2021	Plaintiffs, represented by Assistant Legislator General MORA, file <a href="#">Plaintiffs' Opposition to Defendants' Motion to Dismiss</a> and <a href="#">Plaintiffs' Opposition to Defendants' Motion to Seal</a> . <a href="#">Answer</a> filed by Defendants.
	Answer filed:	Sept 23, 2021	Sept 24, 2021	Meeting of Court. Initial consideration given.
[3]	Preliminary hearings:	Waived	Sept 26, 2021	<a href="#">Initial consideration order</a> : <b>case not dismissed; expedited review granted; preliminary injunction modified</b> , enjoining Special Elections Committee from setting date and holding referendum until date of final judgment; <b>preliminary hearings waived</b> .  <b>Full hearings set for 2 PM of Oct 10, 2021; briefs ordered on four questions, to not exceed 5,000 words, due 5 PM of Oct 3, 2021:</b> [1] In suits before this Court involving multiple branches or parts of the Student Association as adverse parties, which branch or part of the Student Association does the Student Association Legislator General represent? [2] Do the governing documents limit apportionment of Senate seats to only school-degree or University at-large constituencies? [3] Does the proposed apportionment scheme in SSR-F21-01 effect actual separation of the different constituencies such that it would not violate the governing documents? [4] What is the impact of the proposed apportionment scheme in SSR-F21-01 on the representation of non-first-year students and non-traditional students in the Senate, and is such impact permissible under the governing documents?  <b>Amicus briefs</b> , addressing any or all of the questions, <b>are due 5 PM of Oct 6, 2021</b> .  <b>Defendants' motions DENIED</b> . TSAI, C.J., attaches memorandum opinion explaining denials of Defendants' motions, which is joined by all members of the Court (SALAZAR, RAZA, LAM, NOREDIN, and EAGER, JJ.).
[4]	Full hearings:	Oct 10, 2021	Oct 3, 2021	<a href="#">Brief of Plaintiffs</a> filed.
	Case submitted:	Oct 10, 2021	Oct 4, 2021	<a href="#">Brief of Defendants</a> filed.
[5]	Preliminary decision:	Oct 10, 2021	Oct 6, 2021	<a href="#">Amicus Brief</a> of Student Association President Brandon Hill in support of Plaintiffs filed.
	Judgment issued:	Oct 28, 2021	Oct 8, 2021	<a href="#">Amicus Brief</a> of Student Association Senator Gabriel Young in support of Plaintiffs filed. Sen. Young also seeks to present oral arguments.
[6]	Opinion author:	RAZA, J.	Oct 10, 2021	Meeting of Court. <b>Full hearings held</b> (TSAI, C.J., presiding), with ALGs Mora and Harding for Plaintiffs, Sen. Pino for Defendants, and Sen. Young as Amicus in support of Plaintiffs. <a href="#">Preliminary decision order</a> : injunction dissolved; <b>SSR-F21-01 is invalidated in its entirety; § 3(b) of SSR-F21-02 is invalidated; and SB-F21-04 is invalidated in its entirety</b> . Final judgment to be presented and read at public meeting of Court within two weeks.
	Vote:	6-0, FITZGERALD et al.	Oct 24, 2021	Meeting of Court. Date of reading of final judgment <a href="#">scheduled</a> for <b>8 PM on Oct 28, 2021 via Zoom</b> .
			Oct 28, 2021	Meeting of Court. RAZA, J., delivered the <a href="#">Final Judgment of the Court</a> . Unanimous Court (6-0) rules in favor of Plaintiffs, Legislator General Holden FITZGERALD and Assistant Legislators General Juan Carlos MORA and Andrew HARDING. EAGER, J., attaches separate opinion concurring in part and dissenting in part.





Edwards v. Joint Elections Committee			Issue:	Whether the ranked-choice election method and final result in the spring 2021 Student Association Presidential election is valid.
			Holding:	Plaintiffs complaint fails to demonstrate any merit or allege any claim on which relief can be granted.
			Judgment:	Plaintiffs complaint is dismissed with prejudice and all related requests and motions dismissed as moot, in initial consideration order issued by the COURT (per curiam) on Apr 14, 2021. The COURT (per curiam) filed an opinion related to the order; Associate Judge CHASE filed an opinion concurring in dismissal with prejudice.
			DATE	PROCEEDINGS AND ORDERS
	Docket No:	SC-21-002	Apr 5, 2021	<a href="#">Complaint of Hannah EDWARDS</a> , naming Joint Elections Committee as primary defendant and JEC Commissioner Chloe WAGNER as co-defendant, filed with Court by email. EDWARDS also concurrently files motion seeking a separate run-off election between Student Association President Brandon Hill and EDWARDS.
[1]	Case initiated:	Apr 5, 2021	Apr 6, 2021	<a href="#">Order scheduling initial consideration meeting</a> assigning docket number of SC-21-002 and <b>setting Apr 8, 2021 as date for initial consideration by Court, and ordering answer from JEC.</b>
	Initial consideration meeting:	Apr 8, 2021	Apr 8, 2021	<a href="#">Answer</a> , along with <a href="#">supplementary materials</a> , filed by Defendant Joint Elections Committee; Elections Commissioner Chloe Wagner to represent JEC in case. Meeting of Court. Initial consideration given.
[2]	Assigned to:	<i>Dismissed with prejudice</i>	Apr 14, 2021	<a href="#">Initial consideration order</a> : case is <b>dismissed with prejudice</b> and all related requests and motions dismissed as moot. The COURT (per curiam) and CHASE, J., attach separate concurrences.
	Answer filed:	Apr 8, 2021		
[3]	Preliminary hearings:	--		
[4]	Full hearings:	--		
[5]	Case submitted:	--		
	Preliminary decision:	--		
	Judgment issued:	--		
[6]	Opinion author:	--		
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**Witte v. Student Association**  
(formerly Link v. Student Association)

<b>Issue:</b>	Whether the Court should impose a firm timeline on the Student Association to effectuate the Graduate Student Separation Referendum.
<b>Holding:</b>	
<b>Judgment:</b>	

		DATE	PROCEEDINGS AND ORDERS
Docket No:	<a href="#">SC-20-003</a>	Apr 27, 2020	<a href="#">Complaint of AJ LINK and Robbie WITTE</a> , naming Student Association as defendant, filed with Court by email.
[1] Case initiated:	Apr 27, 2020	Apr 30, 2020	Meeting of Court. Judges O'BRIEN, CHASE, TSAI, SALAZAR, and SORIAL duly sworn as new members of the Court.
Initial consideration meeting:	Aug 26, 2020	May 5, 2020	<a href="#">General Order of Court</a> , assigning docket number of SC-20-002 and reserving further action due to end of spring term.
[2] Assigned to:	<i>Dismissed without prejudice</i>	Aug 10, 2020	Meeting of Court.
Answer filed:		Aug 11, 2020	<a href="#">General Order of Court</a> , striking LINK as plaintiff, renaming case as <i>Witte v. Student Association</i> , and setting Aug 26, 2020 as date for initial consideration by Court.
[3] Preliminary hearings:		Aug 26, 2020	Meeting of Court. Initial consideration given.
[4] Full hearings:		Aug 28, 2020	<a href="#">Initial consideration order</a> : case is <b>dismissed without prejudice</b> . TSAI, J., attaches separate concurrence, which is joined by O'BRIEN, C.J., and SALAZAR and SORIAL, JJ.
[5] Case submitted:			
Preliminary decision:			
Judgment issued:			
[6] Opinion author:			
Vote:			

**Witte v. Student Association**  
(formerly Link v. Student Association)

<b>Issue:</b>	Whether the apportionment of two Senate-appointed First-Year seats in the new Constitution, slated to take effect in fall 2021, conflicts with the Charter.
<b>Holding:</b>	By providing that First-Year Senators are to be selected exclusively by Senate appointment, with no provision for direct election, and by double-representing first-year students in the Senate, apportionment of First-Year Senators in Article X, Section 2(d) of the new Constitution exceeds the authority of the Student Association, as vested by the Charter and informed by the University Statement on Student Rights and Responsibilities.
<b>Judgment:</b>	Article X, Section 2(d) of the new Constitution is declared invalid for all purposes, and judgment entered for the Plaintiff (Sen. Robert WITTE), 4-0, in an opinion by Associate Judge TSAI on Nov 19, 2020. Associate Judge SORIAL did not participate in the decision of the case.

		DATE	PROCEEDINGS AND ORDERS
Docket No: <a href="#">SC-20-002</a>		Apr 27, 2020	<a href="#">Complaint of AJ LINK and Robbie WITTE</a> , naming Student Association as defendant, filed with Court by email.
[1]	Case initiated: Apr 27, 2020	Apr 30, 2020	Meeting of Court. Judges O'BRIEN, CHASE, TSAI, SALAZAR, and SORIAL duly sworn as new members of the Court.
	Initial consideration meeting: Aug 26, 2020	May 5, 2020	<a href="#">General Order of Court</a> , assigning docket number of SC-20-002 and reserving further action due to end of spring term.
[2]	Assigned to: Full Court	Aug 10, 2020	Meeting of Court.
	Answer filed: Sept 19, 2020	Aug 11, 2020	<a href="#">General Order of Court</a> , striking LINK as plaintiff, renaming case as <i>Witte v. Student Association</i> , and setting Aug 26, 2020 as date for initial consideration by Court.
[3]	Preliminary hearings: <i>Waived</i>	Aug 26, 2020	Meeting of Court. Initial consideration given.
[4]	Full hearings: Oct 29, 2020	Aug 28, 2020	<a href="#">Initial consideration order: case not dismissed</a> ; no special requests received or granted; assigned to full Court. Following documents due at 11:59 PM on Sept. 19, 2020: [1] SA to provide answer. [2] Both parties to provide information for scheduling of future proceedings. [3] Both parties to submit briefs on four questions, two jurisdictional and two on the merits.
[5]	Case submitted: Oct 29, 2020	Sept 16, 2020	Meeting of Court.
	Preliminary decision: Oct 31, 2020	Sept 18, 2020	<a href="#">Brief of Plaintiff WITTE</a> filed.
	Judgment issued: Nov 19, 2020	Sept 19, 2020	<a href="#">Answer</a> and <a href="#">Brief of Defendant Student Association</a> filed. Vice President for Judicial & Legislative Affairs Jean Hyun to represent Student Association in case.
[6]	Opinion author: TSAI, J.	Sept 23, 2020	<a href="#">Order waiving preliminary hearings</a> : answer and briefs for both sides formally served on all parties; <b>preliminary hearings waived</b> ; Court to meet for pre-hearing deliberations on Oct 14, 2020; date(s) for full hearing(s) to be set then.
	Vote: 4-0, WITTE	Oct 14, 2020	Meeting of Court.
		Oct 18, 2020	<a href="#">Order scheduling full hearings: full hearings set for Oct 29, 2020, at 8 PM</a> . Each party allotted 20 minutes to present oral arguments. Questions to be considered are the two questions on the merits per the <a href="#">initial consideration order</a> dated Aug 28, 2020.
		Oct 29, 2020	Meeting of Court. <b>Full hearings held</b> (O'BRIEN, C.J., presiding); <b>case submitted</b> . The <a href="#">transcript of full hearings</a> is available in the case file.
		Oct 31, 2020	<a href="#">Preliminary decision order</a> : preliminary decision reserved; no preliminary or provisional relief granted; <b>final judgment to be presented and read at public meeting of Court on Nov 18, 2020, at 9:15 PM</b> .
		Nov 10, 2020	Meeting of Court. Draft opinion with decision considered and voted upon.
		Nov 11, 2020	<a href="#">General Order of Court</a> , <b>rescheduling public meeting of Court where final judgment is to be presented and read to Nov 19, 2020, at 8:15 PM</b> .
		Nov 19, 2020	Meeting of Court. TSAI, J., delivered the <a href="#">Final Judgment of the Court</a> . Unanimous Court (4-0; SORIAL, J., recused) rules in favor of Plaintiff, Senator Robert WITTE.