

Internal Complaint

**SUPREME COURT OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY**

LI PUMA V. LIBERAL ARTS DEANS LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

DEPUTY CHIEF JUSTICE JORDAN delivered the opinion of the Court.

On the charges of removing Senator Jason Sydoriak without due process as dictated by the ASCSU Constitution and following the lack of recognition of this removal, fielding a total of seven (7) Senators while the Constitution calls for six (6), the Supreme Court finds in favor of Li Puma in light of acceptance of the charges from the LADLC.

In order to correct these inconsistencies, the single seat currently filled by Senator Hill and Senator Lee is to be vacated as their Senatorial Appointments were done in the wrong and are not valid. This creates an empty Liberal Arts Senator seat to be filled by the LADLC in a manner it proscribes consistent with Article II, section 204 of the ASCSU Constitution. Hill and Lee will revert to their previous positions. Votes cast in Senate by Lee and Hill prior to this decision shall remain valid.

Senator Sydoriak will maintain his position as a Senator because he was never actually removed from this position. Additionally, the Constitution of the LADLC dictates in Article VIII, Section 4, that it can impeach members and officers of the council, which does not include Senators who are officers of ASCSU. While LADLC may remove the Senator's membership in LADLC, this does not remove said Senator's position as Senator. This is consistent with Article VI, Section 600 which defines a College Council's ability to begin impeachment of Senators, which the Court agreed was the only way a College Council may impeach a senator. However, this retention of Senator Sydoriak does not prevent the LADLC from following proper procedures for resolving any issue it may still have with Senator Sydoriak: either through internal complaint or impeachment.

In order to make it clear, a College Council may not remove its Senators from their position as Senator autonomously. To a remove a Senator from office, the same procedures available to all members of ASCSU must be used: internal complaints and impeachment. As defined in Article V, Section 501, College Councils are units of ASCSU and have access to all the same resources as any official ASCSU; including access to judicial oversight.