# SUPREME COURT FOR THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

November 13, 2023

CLARIFICATION ON THE VOTING THRESHOLD USED FOR SFRB RATIFICATION

CHIEF JUSTICE ALAYNA TRUXAL delivered the opinion of the Court

A SENATOR FOR THE STUDENT DISABILITY CENTER (SDC), ALEXANDER WILSON, requested an opinion regarding the voting threshold that was used to vote during the SFRB ratification of Senator Wilson.

The following question was submitted for clarification
1. For an SFRB ratification, should the Senate utilize a 2/3rd (Supermajority) vote or a simple majority threshold?

The ASCSU Court has determined the following:
1. In a 7-0-0 vote, The ratification process done on November 1st was not followed correctly. In accordance with Section 906 Clause C of the Constitution; "All members of the Student Fee Review Board shall be confirmed by a plurality vote of the Senate". The court understands a plurality vote as a simple majority.
2. In a 7-0-0 vote, the court additionally determined the voting style used to orchestrate the ratification was utilized incorrectly. Per Senate Bylaws Section 6 Clause H; "All votes for ratifications shall be done via secret ballot unless it is the approval of the slate". Since Alexander Wilson was not on a slate, this ratification should have been done via secret ballot.
3. In a 7-0-0 vote, the court decided to provide clarification on no-confidence votes. Per Senate Bylaws Section 6 Clause K; "For elections and ratification members may vote 'No Confidence' if they do not have any confidence in any of the candidates to fill the job requirements.
   a. A motion must be explicitly made to take a "No Confidence" vote
   b. The "No Confidence" vote shall need a ⅔ majority to pass
   c. If the "No Confidence vote passes, all candidates will be considered to have received no votes and new elections shall be held in the following section
4. In a 7-0-0 vote, it is the opinion of the court that the ratification of Senator Wilson be redone following the correct procedure