

**SUPREME COURT FOR THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COLORADO STATE  
UNIVERSITY  
April 2, 2024**

**CLARIFICATION ON THE ABILITY OF AN ASCSU CAUCUS TO ENDORSE  
CANDIDATES IN THE ASCSU GENERAL ELECTION**

CHIEF JUSTICE ALAYNA TRUXAL delivered the opinion of the Court

THE ELECTIONS MANAGER, KAITLYN SPENCER, requested the Court's opinion on an ASCSU caucus endorsing candidates in the ASCSU general election

The following question was submitted to the Court for clarification:

1. Can an ASCSU Caucus endorse candidates in the general election?

The Supreme Court has determined the following:

1. In a 7-0-0 vote, the Court found that an ASCSU caucus may not endorse a candidate in the ASCSU general election.
2. According to the ASCSU Constitution Article VI Section 602 A, "A caucus shall be a special committee as defined in Article VI Section 601." A special committee is not "...a part of any branch of ASCSU," (VI, Section 601, A), and "The goal of Special Committees shall be to bind branches of ASCSU or act as uniting bodies that would bring together aspects of ASCSU that would not otherwise be brought together," (VI, Section 601, B). Therefore, an ASCSU caucus is a body of ASCSU.
3. The Court also cited the ASCSU Elections Code and Referenda Section X, 5, "Student groups, such as club sports or student organizations, are permitted to endorse a campaign if they wish." Further, "The use of ASCSU materials (such as clothing, nametags, etc.) by any campaign shall be prohibited," (Section X, 7).
4. An ASCSU caucus is not a regular student group, but a body of ASCSU. Candidates are not permitted to make any impression that they are being endorsed by ASCSU, as shown in the Elections Code Section X, 7. Given that an ASCSU caucus is a body of ASCSU, if one were to endorse a candidate, it would give the impression that ASCSU itself is endorsing them.