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## PFC: Controversy caused by content judgment

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ruled entirely based on that quote," he said. "I presume it went over the minutes and made its own decision."

The decision also states that Cortez erred because he "did not provide a budgetary rationale for disapproving the (Commentator's) budget."

Cortez was removed from the Senate because "the findings of removal crosses over into his duties as an ASUO Senator," according to the decision.

However, Cortez said the court is preventing him from doing his job as an elected official.

"(The court) is pretty much silencing my voice that I represent as a student on campus as a student of color," he said.

Derrick said he would not elaborate on the decisions.

"He has the right to file a motion for reconsideration if he feels there was an inaccuracy," he said.

Although the three rulings are similar, both the decisions against Cortez and Kieffer cite the court's finding against Quiroz.

That ruling came in response to Atkinson's allegations that Quiroz violated the prominent Supreme Court findings of Rosenberger v. Rector and Visitors of University of Virginia and Southworth v. Board of Regents of University of Wisconsin System.

Atkinson also alleged in the petition that Quiroz violated the ASUO Constitution and intended to continue violation of those rules with prejudice against the Commentator.

The central question of the Commentator controversy was whether a PFC member could take the Commentator's content into consideration "when approving the Mission and Goals and subsequent funding for an incidental fee funded publication," according to the decision.

The three PFC members expressed concerns during hearings of the publication's mission and goals that the Commentator, a conservative magazine, published what some have called hate speech.

The court found that the Rosenberger and Southworth rulings prevent PFC members from looking at a publication's content.

"The proper measure, and the principle standard of protection for objecting students ... is the requirement of viewpoint neutrality in the allocation of funding support," according to the decision.

Quiroz "made several statements that demonstrate a clear violation of viewpoint neutrality by reviewing and making judgment about the Oregon Commentators (sic) content," according to the decision. Quiroz's statements include: "They should be rejected, not

because we reject their overall attempts at sophomoric humor ... but because they have targeted a particular person in an abusive and dangerous way," Derrick said in the decision.

The decision against Kieffer states that he "fully comprehended and understood that he was in violation of viewpoint neutrality" when he "publicly states that he would not obey an 'unjust law.'"

Kieffer also "did not provide a budgetary rationale for disapproving the budget," according to the decision.

Kieffer said he disagreed with the ruling, although he said the court was following its guidelines.

"My personal opinion is rules can sometimes be completely useless in finding a good solution to a problem," he said. "I would have liked it to rule in favor of the PFC (members) who stand behind this issue."

Commentator Editor in Chief Tyler Graf was pleased with the decision.

"I do believe that the Con Court made the right decision," he said. "Mason was grandstanding and clearly not doing the job people elected him to do."

Justice Charlotte Nisser disagreed with the punishments for Quiroz and Cortez, stating that "the remedy determined by the Court is excessive."

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