

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
FORTY-FOURTH SENATE
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**BILL #4402
CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT: Judicial Reformation**

SPONSORED BY: Brandon Earle, Speaker Pro Tempore; Zach Lassek, Chief Justice; Jacob Stein, Associate Justice; Allie Eret, Controller; Ryan Bernard, Deputy Director of Promotions; Samuel Laffey, Parliamentarian; Jessica Teal, Senator College Health and Human Sciences; Spencer Nolan, Senator College Liberal Arts

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ENDORSED BY: ASCSU Supreme Court; Andrew Bondi, Senate Recruitment and Retention Officer

- WHEREAS:** The operation of the Judicial Branch of ASCSU should be as described in Article IV.
- WHEREAS:** Positions such as the Supreme Court Liaison have been added, and positions such as Student Advocates are no longer used.
- WHEREAS:** There is no defined course of action should the Chief Justice have to recuse his or her self from any hearing.
- WHEREAS:** As division of duties can allow for a more responsive Supreme Court with multiple points of contact.
- WHEREAS:** Experience in the branch is necessary for leadership of the branch.

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ENACTED

That the paid position of Deputy Chief Justice be created.

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That Section 411 of Article IV of the Constitution of the Associated Students of Colorado State University be added to read as follows:

“Section 411: The Deputy Chief Justice shall be nominated by the ASCSU President with the advice of the Chief Justice within the first two weeks of the Fall Semester and shall be approved with a majority vote of the present voting membership, excluding abstentions, of the ASCSU Senate. The Deputy Chief Justice shall serve a one-year term beginning on the day of their approval until May 31st of the spring semester for the academic year they are appointed. The Deputy Chief Justice shall be responsible for assisting the Chief Justice with the supervision of court business.”

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That Section 403 of Article IV of the Constitution of the Associated Students of Colorado State University be amended to read as follows:

“Section 403: The ASCSU Supreme Court shall be comprised of seven (7) members of ASCSU, which include one (1) Chief Justice, one (1) Deputy Chief Justice, and five (5) Associate Justices. The ASCSU Supreme Court shall also be assisted by one (1) Court Liaison. Upon ASCSU Presidential nomination the Associate Justice(s) and Liaison shall be approved with a majority vote of the present voting membership, excluding abstentions, of the ASCSU Senate. Associate Justices shall serve a two-year term in the form of four semesters (Fall or Spring) beginning on the day of their approval until the end of the fourth semester serving. The Liaison shall serve a one-year term beginning on the day of their ap-

proval until the end of their second semester serving. Upon vacancy, an applicant shall be nominated by the ASCSU President and approved with a majority vote of the present voting membership, excluding abstentions, of the ASCSU Senate to fill the position.”

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That Section 602 of Article IV of the Constitution of the Associated Students of Colorado State University be amended to read as follows:

“Section 602: In the event that there are grounds for impeachment of an ASCSU Supreme Court Associate Justice, Deputy Chief Justice, or Court Liaison, a petition containing the signatures of not less than 10% of all members of ASCSU, or by three (3) Senators, or by the Chief Justice will be presented to the President of ASCSU. In the event that there are grounds for impeachment of the ASCSU Supreme Court Chief Justice, a petition containing the signatures of not less than 10% of all members of ASCSU, or by three (3) Senators, or by no less than 50% of the Associate Justices will be presented to the President of ASCSU. The President shall then form an Ad Hoc committee to investigate the complaint. The Ad Hoc committee has ten (10) business days after appointment to present their findings to the ASCSU Senate. A member shall be immediately removed from office upon a two-thirds majority vote of the Senate. This member shall have appeal privileges to a jury of six members of ASCSU to be randomly chosen by the ASCSU faculty advisor. This body shall be presided over by the President, the Speaker of the Senate, and one member of the Judiciary all of whom serve as ex officio members. This jury may overrule impeachment only on the finding of procedural errors and not on substantive grounds.”

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That the job description of the ASCSU Supreme Court Chief Justice be amended and the job description of the ASCSU Supreme Court Deputy Chief Justice be added as attached.

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That a copy of these job descriptions be placed in the ASCSU Green Book; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That a copy of this legislation and these job descriptions be forwarded to the ASCSU Vice President, ASCSU Senate Speaker Pro Tempore, ASCSU Senate Parliamentarian, and the ASCSU Supreme Court.

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October 1st, 2014

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PRESIDENT SAMANTHA GUINN

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VICE PRESIDENT LANCE LI PUMA

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