

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
FORTY-FOURTH SENATE
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**BILL #4404
CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT: Legislative Constitutional Clarification**

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WHEREAS: The operation of the Legislative Branch of ASCSU should be as described in Article II.

WHEREAS: Positions such as the Senate Recruitment and Retention Officer have been created but do not exist within the constitution.

WHEREAS: The Constitution should be clear, concisely written, and easily understood.

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ENACTED

That Section 200 of Article II of the Constitution of the Associated Students of Colorado State University be amended to read as follows:

“Section 200: There shall be an ASCSU Senate, which shall facilitate student activities at Colorado State University within the limits placed upon it by this Constitution. It shall further act as a liaison to any faculty or administrative bodies of Colorado State University and to any other organized bodies whose actions have a bearing upon the members of ASCSU.”

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That Section 201 of Article II of the Constitution of the Associated Students of Colorado State University be amended to read as follows:

“Section 201: The Senate shall have the power to initiate and enact any legislation necessary and proper under this Constitution; to delegate its authority as it deems fit; to approve all appointments to any body to which it has delegated authority as well as the standing officials in the Executive, and Supreme Court Justices; to affiliate ASCSU with any inter-collegiate or intra-collegiate organizations; to call for special elections; to oversee and manage their affairs as they deem proper; and to remove from office any negligent official.”

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That Section 202 of Article II of the Constitution of the Associated Students of Colorado State University be amended to read as follows:

“Section 202: Senators shall be elected by a plurality vote of the members voting for that college at the general election, with one Senator from each academic college for every 750 members of ASCSU, or major portion (375) thereof in that college, provided that every college has at least two representatives. The Graduate School shall be represented in the same manner. These Senators shall be allowed to run for only one college as a member or anticipating membership of that college, and shall be elected by the members of that college during the general elections or by approval of their college council at any other

time of the year. These Senators must be members of the college that they represent by the first Senate session of the fall semester. The term of office for Senators shall begin with their being sworn in at a Senate sessions and will last until the new Senate is seated.”

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That Section 204 of Article II of the Constitution of the Associated Students of Colorado State University be amended to read as follows:

“Section 204: Whenever a vacancy in the Senate shall occur, the appropriate College Council shall be notified and said council shall have the power to fill the vacancy in the manner it prescribes. Additionally, College Councils have the power to appoint or elect Associate Senators to represent that college (See Article II, Section 211). The Senate shall solicit representatives from colleges lacking a council.”

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That Section 206 of Article II of the Constitution of the Associated Students of Colorado State University be amended to read as follows:

“The Senate shall be presided over by the Speaker who shall be the duly elected ASCSU Vice President. The newly elected Senate during their first official meeting shall select a Speaker Pro Tempore, Parliamentarian, and Senate Recruitment and Retention Officer and all four officers shall be inaugurated at this session. The Speaker Pro Tempore shall preside over the Senate in the absence of the Speaker. In the absence of both the Speaker and the Speaker Pro Tempore, the Parliamentarian shall preside over the Senate.”

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That Section 207 of Article II of the Constitution of the Associated Students of Colorado State University be amended to read as follows:

“Section 207: The Senate shall establish its rules of procedure. Two-thirds of the voting membership shall constitute a quorum. Bylaws of the Senate shall contain job responsibilities of Senators and Associate Senators including the offices of Speaker, Speaker Pro Tempore, Parliamentarian, and Senate Recruitment and Retention Officer and shall be approved at the first session of the Senate and shall be the first resolution of the Senate.”

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That Section 208 of Article II of the Constitution of the Associated Students of Colorado State University be amended to read as follows:

“Section 208: A bill may be brought to the floor to remove the Speaker, Speaker Pro Tempore, Parliamentarian, Senate Recruitment and Retention Officer, or committee chairs. If the bill involves the Speaker Pro Tempore, the Parliamentarian shall preside. Removal from office shall be by a two thirds vote of the present voting membership, excluding abstentions, of the ASCSU Senate.”

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That Section 209 of Article II of the Constitution of the Associated Students of Colorado State University be amended to read as follows:

“Section 209: When a bill is to be returned to the Senate with the President’s veto, the bill shall appear on the next regularly scheduled session of the Senate’s agenda under old business with the word “vetoed” next to the bill number. The Senate may override the stated veto with a two-thirds vote of the present voting membership, excluding abstentions, of the ASCSU Senate. Any bills passed on the final session of Senate must be signed or vetoed by the President within one week of passage. This will allow sufficient time for Senate to call a special session to consider a veto override. All legislation pending before the Senate not acted upon prior to the inauguration of the next Senate is defeated.”

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That Section 211 of Article II of the Constitution of the Associated Students of Colorado State University be amended to read as follows:

“Section 211: Associate Senators shall be elected by their respective College Council. There shall be no more than two Associate Senators for each college Senator. Associate Senators must be a member of the college that they represent.”

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That Section 212 of Article II of the Constitution of the Associated Students of Colorado State University be amended to read as follows:

“Section 212: Senators have the rights of debate and voting. Associate Senators and Senate Officer positions only have the rights of debate as indicated in the Senate by-laws. Officials of the Cabinet and the Supreme Court shall sit as ex officio members of Senate. They shall be granted rights of debate, but shall hold no voting rights.”

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That Section 213 of Article II of the Constitution of the Associated Students of Colorado State University be amended to read as follows:

“Section 213: All legislation passed or tabled, meeting agendas, meeting minutes, and other documents produced by the ASCSU Senate shall be submitted to the Archives and Special Collections Department of the Colorado State University Libraries for historical preservation by and through the ASCSU Administrative Assistant yearly on the first business day following the last meeting of the current Senate.”

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That Section 214 of Article II of the Constitution of the Associated Students of Colorado State University be amended to read as follows:

“Section 214: In an emergency budget situation during winter or summer breaks the Senate will conduct an emergency Senate session consisting of all available senators. This will be a Senate session consisting of at least five members including a chair as indicated within the Senate by-laws. This Senate session does not require quorum. The Senate session shall review and vote on any emergency budget redistributions between departments occurring while Senate is not in session. The Senate session shall hold the same power over the budget as any regularly convening Senate. This Senate session will also be held to all of the responsibilities of any regularly convening Senate session including, but not limited to, utilizing a clerk who takes attendance and keeps minutes, communication about the emergency session to all members of Senate, and the distribution of minutes to all members of Senate. The Senate session shall meet within ten business days of receiving the President’s written request for a budget adjustment. A decision over whether or not to accept the proposed budget adjustment shall be made and relayed to the President within seven business days of the initial Senate session meeting. If a decision is not reached, the change may not go through as proposed.”

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That Section 215 of Article II of the Constitution of the Associated Students of Colorado State University be amended to read as follows:

“Section 215: Representatives shall also be appointed by the Centers of Student Diversity Programs and Services. These Representatives are members of Senate retaining rights of debate but not the right to vote. These Representatives shall be responsible to their constituents and shall seek advisement on a regular basis from the Directors of the cultural, advocacy, or resource center from which the Representative is appointed. These Representatives, however, are not bound by the advisement of their Directors. The term of office for these Representatives shall begin with their being sworn in at the following session of their appointment and will last until the new Senate is seated.”

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That Section 216 and 217 of Article II of the Constitution of the Associated Students of Colorado State University be struck due to the restructuring from the rest of this bill.

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October 8th, 2014
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PRESIDENT SAMANTHA GUINN

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VICE PRESIDENT LANCE LI PUMA

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