

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
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**RESOLUTION #4602
IN SUPPORT OF A NEW EXCUSED ABSENCE POLICY**

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ABSTRACT: The current excused absence policy is confusing for students and faculty. Therefore, the policy should be revised so students who meet the criteria for a University Excused Absence are not penalized for missing class.

WHEREAS

Many students must miss class to represent the University, practice their religious or faith obligations, deal with chronic or mental health illnesses, family emergencies, or seek support for interpersonal violence. These students should not be penalized for missing class due to these unavoidable scenarios; and,

WHEREAS

Students find the current excused absence policy to be confusing and difficult to utilize when needed, and therefore the policy should be clarified; and,

WHEREAS

The proposed policy should be included in addition to the current policy concerning excused absences for University Sponsored Events; and,

WHEREAS

The Associated Students of Colorado State University, as a part of the student voice on campus, should bring forward issues that are negatively affecting students' lives to faculty.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED

That the Associated Students of Colorado State University recommends that the Committee on Teaching and Learning consider the following policy statement on student excused absences as an addition to the current policy on University Excused Absences:

“Under this policy, faculty and instructors are encouraged to accommodate students to a reasonable degree without grade penalty when students are faced with adverse situations, such as chronic illnesses, mental health conditions, family emergencies and illness, and interpersonal violence that result in absence from class. Verification and documentation of such circumstances will be provided through Student Case Management and/or Resources for Disabled Students. This policy will not apply to students who do not make an effort to work with faculty/instructors to make up missed classwork.”

; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED

That a copy of this legislation be forwarded to Dr. Tony Frank, Colorado State University President; Dr. Rick Miranda, Provost; Dr. Blanche Hughes, Vice President for Student Affairs; Dr. Jody Donovan, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs & Dean of Students

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