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**BILL #4615
Changes to ASCSU Elections Code**

SPONSORED BY: External Committee

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COLLABORATED WITH:

ENDORSED BY:

ABSTRACT: This bill aims to clarify and revise the ASCSU Elections Code for the 2017 elections

WHEREAS

With the addition of the Speaker for the Senate position, it was necessary to update the ASCSU Elections code to reflect the addition of a new election; complete with Campaign Finance limits, orientation sessions, credit requirements; and,

WHEREAS

The elections code has been interpreted to mean that campaigns cannot speak of ASCSU or unofficially refer to the future position that they wish to hold, and as a result there have been reports of disassociation between the ASCSU election and the candidates by the general student body; and,

WHEREAS

Digital media was not clearly defined in the ASCSU Elections Code; so,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ENACTED

That section A of Article II of the ASCSU Referenda and Elections Code be amended to read as follows:

“A. Associated Students of Colorado State University (ASCSU): As defined in Article I, Section 102 of the ASCSU Constitution, “Every student of Colorado State shall be a member of ASCSU and considered a full-time student for each semester that the student is enrolled with a minimum of one (1) credit hours and payment of full activity fees have been paid.”

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That section B of Article II of the ASCSU Referenda and Elections Code be amended to read as follows:

“B. General Election: A selection, by vote, of the ASCSU President and Vice President, and Senators, and Speaker of the Senate, held annually on the CSU campus during the first three days of the third week after spring break. The ASCSU Constitution authorizes only this election for these offices. Provisions for filling any vacancies that occur in these positions between General Elections are outlined in the ASCSU Constitution.”

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That section R of Article II of the ASCSU Referenda and Elections Code be added to read as follows:

“R. Campaign Materials: Any physical, digital, or other type of content produced by a campaign”

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That section J of Article V of the ASCSU Referenda and Elections Code be amended to read as follows:

“J. Members of the Elections Committee that have not been appointed to work as liaisons with tickets running for President and Vice President shall equally share the responsibility of acting as liaisons between the Elections Committee and candidates running for Senator, and Speaker of the Senate.”

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That section A of Article VI of the ASCSU Referenda and Elections Code be amended to read as follows:

“A. The Elections Manager shall be in charge of holding no fewer than three Senator orientation sessions for all potential Senate candidates and two President/Vice President orientation sessions for all potential Presidential/Vice Presidential candidates and two Speaker of the Senate sessions for all potential Speaker of the Senate candidates. These sessions shall be held for the purpose of familiarizing each candidate with the ASCSU Referenda and Elections Code, and the process and timeline of the General Election. The Elections Manager has the option of holding orientation sessions with individual candidates or campaigns.”

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That section C of Article VII of the ASCSU Referenda and Elections Code be amended to read

as follows:

“C. Write-in candidates will be eligible to run for office if they have: filed a Declaration of Candidacy with the Elections Manager before the start of the voting period; attended a one-on-one election orientation session with the Elections Manager before the end of the voting period; met the eligibility requirements stated in Article VII, Section 703 of the ASCSU Constitution; and submitted all required campaign finance related materials to the Elections Manager by noon on the last day of voting.”

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That section F of Article VII of the ASCSU Referenda and Elections Code be added to read as follows:

“F. Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates must have 48 cumulative credits and one completed semester per each candidate as a full-time student at Colorado State University by the beginning of their term. Speaker of the Senate candidates must have 24 credits completed and one completed semester as a full-time student at Colorado State University by the beginning of their term. Graduate Students need not meet the credit requirements but need to have completed one semester as a full-time student at Colorado State University.

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That section C of Article VIII of the ASCSU Referenda and Elections Code be amended to read as follows:

“C. Any dollars spent by a campaign running for President and Vice President, or candidate running for Senator, or candidate running for Speaker of the Senate, shall be utilized to benefit that particular campaign or candidate. Any campaign materials used to sponsor another campaign or candidate must be reported as a donation on the Donation and Expense report of the campaign benefiting from that sponsorship.”; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That section E of Article VIII of the ASCSU Referenda and Elections Code be amended to read as follows:

“E. The total amount spent on or by any candidate running for Speaker of the Senate, whether personal, donated, contributed, or imposed, shall not exceed \$750.”; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That section B of Article X of the ASCSU Referenda and Elections Code be amended to read as follows:

“B. Each member of ASCSU may vote for one ticket running for President and Vice President. Each member of ASCSU may vote for one candidate running for Speaker of the Senate. Each member of ASCSU may vote in the election of Senators, and shall have the same number of votes as the number of available Senate seats for the college of which their primary major is declared. Students enrolled in the Graduate School may vote only for Senators from the Graduate School, and not from their academic college.”; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That section I of Article X of the ASCSU Referenda and Elections Code be amended to read as follows:

“I. In the event of a tie between two or more candidates listed on the ballot, certified write-in candidates, or non-certified write-in candidates, the tie shall be resolved, in the case of a Senator, by a vote of the relevant College Council, and, in the case of a Presidential/Vice-Presidential Ticket, by a vote of the ASCSU Senate, and, in the case of a Speaker of the Senate, by a vote of the ASCSU Senate.”; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That section E of Article IX of the ASCSU Referenda and Elections Code be amended to read as follows:

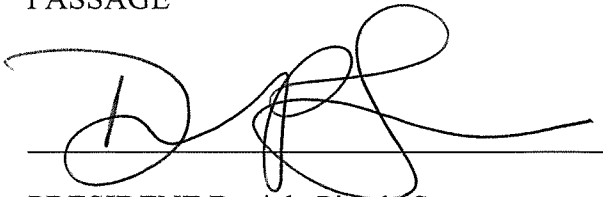
“E. The use of the ASCSU logo, or any ASCSU material granted by the power of office, or any utility granted by the power of office shall be prohibited from use in any campaigning and from inclusion in any campaign material. (Material such as clothing, nametags, etc) This rule shall not prevent a candidate or campaign from utilizing the ASCSU name in campaign materials. The purpose of this rule shall be to prevent confusion on the part of the student body as to whether a candidate is campaigning, or performing the duties of any office the candidate currently holds in ASCSU. The use of the ASCSU logo, or any ASCSU material will be considered a major violation.

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