

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
FORTY-SEVENTH SENATE
SEVENTEENTH SESSION
FEBRUARY 21, 2018**

**BILL #4724
CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM**

SPONSORED BY: Merall Sherif, Powerchair, Senator Women Gender Advocacy Center; Austin Fearn, Senator, Natural Science; Edward Kendall, Chief of Staff; Isabel Brown, Speaker of the Senate; Josh Williams, Senator Multi Faith and Belief; Hanna Johnson, Director of Community Affairs;

WRITTEN BY: Tyler Siri, ASCSU Elections Manager

COLLABORATED WITH: Michael Wells, ASCSU President;

ENDORSED BY: Internal Affairs Committee; Jennifer Murray, Senator Liberal Arts; External Affairs Committee;

ABSTRACT: Publicly funded campaigns for ASCSU leadership will improve the student government's accessibility, transparency, and efficacy.

WHEREAS

Students wishing to run for President, Vice President, and Speaker of the Senate need to spend money from their own pockets or raise funds from outside sources in order to run a successful campaign; and,

WHEREAS

The cost of running for office can limit the accessibility of running for office to those with the means to pay for their campaign, which cuts out a sizeable portion of the student body; and,

WHEREAS

We as ASCSU should actively work to make being a part of student leadership as accessible as possible and bring as many voices to the floor as possible; and,

WHEREAS

An important way that we can increase accessibility, transparency, and efficacy of ASCSU is to lower the financial cost of running for ASCSU leadership through provision of ASCSU funds to campaigns; so,

WHEREAS

Transparency should be an important part of every part of student government, so candidates should disclose donations to their campaigns; so,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ENACTED

That Article VIII Section A be changed from;

- A. All candidates will be required to submit a detailed Donation and Expenditure report of all materials used for campaign purposes to the Elections Committee by 3:00PM on each Monday and Friday of the Campaigning Period. This report should include copies of all receipts and invoices. A final and complete report must be submitted no later than 12:00PM on the final day of the Voting Period. The Elections Committee may request report submissions from a specific candidate or campaign at any time and/or on a more frequent basis.

to

- A. All candidates will be required to submit a detailed Donation and Expenditure report of all materials used for campaign purposes to the Elections Committee by 3:00PM on each Monday and Friday of the Campaigning Period. This report should include copies of all receipts and invoices. This report shall also include the sources of all donated funds to the campaign. A final and complete report must be submitted no later than 12:00PM on the final day of the Voting Period. The Elections Committee may request report submissions from a specific candidate or campaign at any time and/or on a more frequent basis.

; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FUTURE ENACTED

That Article VIII Section F be changed from

- F. The total amount spent on or by any campaign running for President and Vice President, whether personal, donated, contributed, or imposed, shall not exceed \$2000.

to

- F. The total amount spent on or by any campaign running for President and Vice President, whether personal, donated, contributed, or imposed, shall not exceed ~~\$2000~~ \$1,250.

; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That a new Article VIII Section I read as follows;

I. Non-ASCSU provided funds by any campaign shall not exceed the total spending limit for that campaign minus ASCSU provided funds.

; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That a new Article VIII Section L read as follows;

L. All funds contributed by ASCSU to campaigns must follow SLiCE rules and procedures for fees.

; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That Article IX Section H be changed from;

H. Candidates and campaigns shall be prohibited from using items provided by student fee dollars in campaigning. Candidates and campaigns shall be prohibited from attaching campaign-related material to items provided by student fee dollars. Using student fees for campaigning will be considered a major violation.

to,

H. Candidates and campaigns shall be prohibited from using items provided by student fee dollars in campaigning. Candidates and campaigns shall be prohibited from attaching campaign-related material to items provided by student fee dollars. Using student fees other than those provided by ASCSU to specific campaigns for campaigning will be considered a major violation.

; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That all section numbers be edited to reflect changes made in this legislation; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That a copy of this legislation be forwarded to Dr. Tony Frank, Colorado State University President; and Dr. Blanche Hughes, Vice President for Student Affairs; Pam Norris, Director of SLiCE; and Michelle Frick, SLiCE Office Manager

17-5-5

PASSAGE

02/21/2018

DATE



PRESIDENT MICHAEL WELLS

02/21/18

DATE

TAGS: Elections, Finance, Elections Code