**Associated Students of Colorado State University**

**Forty-Fourth Senate**

**Second Session**

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**Agenda**

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge
3. Roll Call
4. Guest Speakers
5. Jody Donovan, Dean of Students: This is a cool opportunity to speak with all of you. I went back to my undergraduate days as I served in our student government in my school and I want to thank you for your time and attention to make CSU a better place. I serve as Dean of Students and oversee many different offices. I also work with students in crisis if bad things happen, I’m there to help rally around all the different resources to minimize things that alter performance. Thank you for your amazing showing during Ram Welcome, orientation, Grill the Buffs, loading the buses for the showdown, and representing CSU so well. please know that we pay attention to that. just today I was talking with Lindsay Sell about how we read the weekly reports and I want to thank you for all of the good work you are doing. In Hugo’s report he talked about the 3 goals you made on the retreat and I thought, “Wow those are awesome goals for this group,”

I want to share that student voice is so critical on this campus. As I think about all of the things going on on campus, students play such a large role. I noticed Mackenzie highlighting all of the health issues. Lance and I worked with student affairs and worked on getting student representations on all the student committees. There is a new committee on making the online catalog better and we also need student representation on this committee. Your voice is so critical. Showing up, doing your homework, and voicing your opinion is so critical. Lance did a great job with this, standing in front so many faculty members and was not intimidated. Faculty care about you and more than just how well you do in class. We did this button movement to try to make the campus a more welcoming place to make faculty more welcoming.

I am here to help you think about how to use your voice. Think about what kind of legislation could you draft, how could you influence committees to be able to change the culture of the university around particular issues? Sam and Lance will be focused on student success this year. It starts with access to the university, retaining students from year to year, graduating in four years, most students take four and half years, but we are still aiming for four years, and then influencing the first destination so by the time you graduate, you have a plan and know how to get there. Have you already done what you need to do in your plan before you graduate? The first destination plans are critical. Think about these things: access, retention, graduation, and first destination plans. What can you student leaders do to increase this? Certainly all of the work that Mackenzie is doing about stress helps, what else can we do to help change behaviors around stress and sleep? How do we erase the stigma of mental health issues so people can get help? It’s all of our jobs to figure out how to make this a healthier campus. Another issue is caring for one another. Rams take care of each other, take action. Dr. Frank will be talking about that over and over and certainly students can play a huge role in that. Step up and use your voice to interrupt bad situations or intervene.

Another area we are working on diligently is sexual assault and focusing that issue of consent and verbalizing consent. Another is around diversity and inclusive excellence, so that all people can focus on their studies and social life and feel like this is where they belong. We can’t just look to one person to make this campus inclusive.

Sustainability is another thing. Johnny is responsible for this. Certainly sustainability can start with your meetings, and not handing out paper stuff. What else can we do? It needs to go further than first year students.

International experience… how can we make it so all students can have an international experience and make international students feel welcome? I want to challenge you to think hard about what it means to be great. It doesn’t mean writing legislation for an internal business but for a large group of people you are representing.

I’ll close with a conversation I had with lance. One of my claims to fame was to work hard to get an electric typewriter in the library. When I think about that and all the energy it took, and to get the library to agree, I think about how that wasn’t about making my life better but making all of the students’ lives better. That’s what ASCSU is all about. I’m here as your supporter, I’m rooting for you. The university leadership is watching and we want you to be successful. Are there any questions?

* Gurau: I have spoken with students about this and found that they want to see more information about courses before they get into them. Also a way to get office hours to instructors to continue interacting with them after classes.
* Li Puma: What’s some of the best ways and avenues for students to get to you or anyone else to make those suggestions?
* Donovan: The best way is to call my office or send an email. jody.donovan@colostate.edu. I will answer your email and I am very accessible. Any of the university leaders are the same in the way that the highlight of our day is interacting with students. Two ways not to do it though: grouse about it in the newspaper before speaking with us, and petitions. Petitions are hard. Just because a lot of people want it, doesn’t mean they can always happen. Talk with us and we will say yes, we need a petition, or don’t do a petition because we’ve tried that.
* Catron: Is there anything running through your mind of ways to interact with community?
* Donovan: I think it’s trying to problem solve with them on this. When I talked to an average student, I hear, “it’s their own fault. they live by CSU”. Well maybe they can’t. Why should they get pushed out? I think it will be education, speaking with students. I think it is sitting down with us and really problem solving because we don’t have an answer either. My office is in the admin building. A lot of people walk by and never come in. But come on in and visit in 201. WE would love to hear your ideas.
1. Jake Christensen, Director of Governmental Affairs: I am the director of Governmental Affairs. This is Sarah Bruce, the Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs. This bill won’t be for now, but more of a legislation thing that happens weekly or bi-weekly.
* Bruce: This is in relation to the transfer of money in terms of capital construction. There is a prioritized list of projects in Colorado dealing with higher institutions. On this bill, we are 3rd on the list, if there are leftovers, 15 million dollars will go to the new chemistry building. There is a little link to each bill on all of the slides. This next bill is a bill for house and senate funding. It’s pretty controversial. Continuing to propel higher education funding is acted on. One way of doing that was allocating funds to university on level of achievement. There is a set of standards that universities will meet to get standard funding. They won’t get any extra unless meeting happens. There was a lot of things going on in terms of performance standards.

Bill 14145 was for higher education transfers authority: We want to make sure you know where your money is going. They are granted authority to transfer money to attendance stipends. This is based on level of enrollment. If not enough of this money is used, they can transfer it.

Next: Rigor based tuition: The language of the bill says it’s based on rigor. It is based on merit although no one wants to admit that. You basically can apply for a set of funding options or are nominated and if they have shown strong involvement, they will qualify to receive money for that. They are also looking to partner with businesses in non-profit orgs so that when we are leaving school, they will have opportunity.

* Christensen: Homelessness is a big thing that was brought up in city council. Trying to find places for them is hard. They are trying to work with a program that sets them on the right track: give them bus tickets, etc. I’m sure most of you know, city council passed a ban on plastic bags, while some argue it’s good for environment, some people have financial issues with it. Additional smoking regulations: a ban on the electronic cigarette around restaurants and buildings. All hotels are also now 100% smoke-free.
* Lassek: As far as the fee for a bag goes, is it per bag?
* Christensen: Yes, per bag.
* Houston: E-Cigs, does that categorize the same as regular?
* Christensen: Yes
* Yearby: With the chemistry building, what is proposed with additional money?
* Bruce: That money is noted as a launch of a 3 step process. Once it gets started, it won’t not get finished. Right now that is what they are offering.
* D: Categorization of E-cigs, does that include vaporizers?
* Whitesell: I have that info and will look it up.
* Gallery: I was interested in how to get homeless back on feet. Can I get involved?
* Bruce: there is such a big push on the community so programs like the Homeless Corp, you are able to get in that, people hand out bug spray, blankets, etc., because it is deemed by citizens.
* Christensen: Project Homeless as well.
* Gallery: Where would I go to get involved?
* Bruce: applications online. City of Fort Collins. SLiCE.
1. Ratification & Swearing in of New Members
	* William Maher, Director of Student Services
	* Board of Student Organization Funding
		1. Ken Biddison
		2. Joe Brucker
		3. PJ Crauwels
		4. Kim Rounds
2. Judicial Reports
* Lassek: Still on the search for the 3 positions open, searching to find a sports representative to get some diversity. Applications ends on Sunday. Spread the word along.
	+ Laffey: What was last year’s supreme court liaison?
	+ Lassek: It’s a year around decision.
1. Senator Reports
* Laffey: Over the summer I have met with several committees. Considering Student Fee Review Board will be built as scheduled. I have received word that the 30% that was not funded have been covered with donations. They also have raised less than 30 million for the stadium so Dr. Frank will not be going with that.
* Gurau: Working on a proposal for office hour database. I would like you to join me.
1. Executive Reports
* Whitesell: Cam’s Crew. We are looking for applicants and extended the deadline to this Friday. Applications are on ASCSU website. Let anyone else know and get them in. Chronic Health Mentoring Program applications are in. First training center open. Know anyone who can benefit from that, let them know to apply. We are hoping that his program will help connect with students. Sep 10 9-10am- Mental health committee meeting.
* Ricketts: We want accountability for senators and that they are sitting on their external committees that they are supposed to be sitting in. Give me your name if you are sitting on a committee right now or what you might like to sit on. I can give you their contact info.
* Christensen: My department is doing a community plaza reach out event. What would you change about the community? We want to ask on the response up at city council. We are working with CU of a 1-2 day drive to get more voters so we can beat them in that too. Working with New Era to get those votes.
	+ Gurau: When will that be?
	+ Christensen: Sept 29
* Pasillas: Tomorrow will be the involvement expo from 8:30-3. We want to talk to as many students as possible.
* Maher: Thank you for members of senate with help for grill the buffs. Homecoming: as you know, it’s a huge event. How can we bridge the gap from alumni to students? Senators from college of business do an amazing alumni function that is a kind of mixer. Alumni Association are hoping for same thing within colleges. WE would like for colleges to host an open house on Friday of homecoming week. They want to be able to come back and look at their specific colleges. AS I get more info, they have asked me to work with college councils so they come back and see what they are doing and continue funding. I think it shouldn’t just be from my department to have ideas for homecoming. We are welcome to new ideas so send them my way.
1. Committee Reports
	* Gurau, University Issues: I would like to welcome anyone to come talk to me about that proposal.
	* Crites, External committee: I am working on legislation that involves review process for advisors. I am going to meeting with every VP about that. If you like to eat, baked goods will be happening.
	* Lancto, Internal committee: We have some big things coming up.
2. Old Business
3. New Business
	* Bill #4401 Judicial Reform
	* Bill #4402 Executive Constitutional Clarification
4. Yearby: I move to adopt Bill 4402
5. Jordan: In essence, we took the constitution and found little problems with it and are working with the judicial bill right now. So one of the main parts of this bill is to get rid of problems like this. These changes include: adding position of deputy chief of justice. Chief of justice does a lot on their own so deputy position helps create easier contact, more office hours, and less stress from chief of justice.
6. Yearby: Talk more about section 406? Why is there an adding that incoming president has to seek advice for chief of justice for the new Chief Justice?
7. Jordan: That’s formalizing the way it’s been done in the past. They help conduct interviews.
8. Yearby: are we saying outgoing president is choosing Chief of Justice for next year?
9. Jordan: It’s not a change.
10. Earle: Speaking on that, the whole point is the check and balance or power. there is no conflict of interest of chief of justice as they yield over them.
11. Yearby: With that, this year with the co-chief justice thing, how is this fitting in?
12. Jordan: Zack is chief of justice, I am currently an associate but hoping to be Deputy.
13. Bondi: Are the job descriptions amended and created yet? Can we bring them up?
14. Jordan: The changes made are mainly reducing number of office hours of chief of justice and additions in work with deputy chief of justice.
15. Laffey: Did you adjust the pay in the number of office hours?
16. Jordan: it’s not included in part of the job description.
17. Yearby: what is the stipend amount?
18. Li Puma: Not created yet, senate would have to approve before that happened.
19. Yearby: What I don’t like is what we saw last semester when chief of justice made a decision disagreeing with presidents amendment. I don’t feel like chief justice should have a say in who chooses the next one. I’d also like to see justification in the bill why chief justice is getting paid the same to work less. In addition to new position, I’d like to see stipend amount. once we approve of the position, we won’t have a say in the pay anymore.
20. Crites: I move to change the four to a six and move to change the parliamentarian to Senator .It’s my understanding that budgets and stipends are decided completely before any of this is in consideration.
* Discussion and Debate:
* Yearby: the stipend would affect budget. Senate controls budget.
1. Li Puma: I add to move these without a vote.
* Discussion and Debate:
* Seel: I agree with senator Yearby that I think it would benefit this amendment to remove advice from leaving chief of justice.
* Catron: I do not think that should be removed from the bill from one case of it not going so well and someone that knows what it entails should give that advice.
* Laffey: Thank you Rioux for doing work with these bills. I am concerned about section that reads that changes the supreme court process by eliminating pool of applicants that have already been on court. Does that mean we can’t nominate a new chief justice for next year? I wonder if this is even necessary. It is typically someone from supreme court that ends up as chief justice. I am concerned that we may be jumping to conclusions and may be taking one step too far.
* Bigham: I like the section that says the chief justice would have a role. It’s a good idea because they will give their opinion regardless.
* Li Puma: I agree because having someone who has previously served as court system makes sense. it’s a ladder climbing. They don’t have to deal with the turn around. You would see what went well and what didn’t. Experience is one of the best things you can have. chief justice giving SUGGESTIONS, WHICH will happen regardless. who else would have knowledge of the supreme court better?
* Hansen: In regards to the conversation that this would take place with the outgoing chief justice, it nowhere explicitly states this is exclusionary. Only that the outgoing chief justice will give input to outgoing president.
* Yearby: In the language, it does say that it requires someone in the court already with 1 semester of previous experience.
* Hansen: I stand corrected
1. Catron: I motion to amend the bill that if there is not a candidate who hasn’t served one semester, it is under the president’s discretion.
* Discussion and Debate:
* Yearby: I don’t think this motion gets to the heart of the problem. We shouldn’t exclude anyone not a part of the court. The advice of the chief justice and the previous experience are the problems of the amendment. The amendment says that chief justice will be able to choose who the people on the court will be. This will cause them to pick favorites. Senate is excluding anyone not sitting on court and endorsing that chief of justice is able to have that input.
* Catron: It says that it only requires 1 semester.
* King: I see a problem with taking away opportunity of those who have not served, like transfer students.
* Laffey: Are we debating the amendment of the actual bill? Most seem to be about the bill.
* Miltenberger: I don’t think it’s smart to limit candidate pool. It is important in consideration, but not limitation.
* Sydoriak: Don’t think we need this requirement. If it’s necessary, you can look at applications and deem it necessary.
* Jordan: In terms of courts business, the reason it would be difficult for someone without experience is not that they are different. Of the things we do, we deal with your appeals for conduct process. have to schedule training and interact with these people. Without actual knowledge of this before, it would be hard to give training or know how to do this with no experience. it would be like electing a VP not stepping foot in senate chamber before.
* Catron: There are 6 people in positions that interested parties can apply for that. They can apply for one of those instead of chief justice right away.
* Yearby: The original language is as far as the discussion should go. It’s a slippery slope to say that chief justice cannot be held with no previous experience. It’s not the way we should go. If we make this precedent now, are we going to extend this to all other positions? There are great student leaders out there. Instead of excluding pool, we need to expand it.
* Sydoriak: Here’s an extreme case: What if the president doesn’t think anyone in that small pool is qualified or what if they are biased? How would this be better to choose someone unqualified over someone who is objective and has more drive? Those will the ones who miss out.
1. Earle: Given the general pool, I move to amend and scratch out amendment in addition to the previous sentence.
* Yearby: This amendment is not properly done. Someone who doesn’t have voting rights should have not legislative ability.
* Hansen: Then what’s my job?
* Yearby: You are part of this body.
* Earle: I am part of this body.
* Li Puma: He has floor rights as Speaker Pro Tempore.
* Gallery: Anyone that can be yielded to, can use parliamentary law to change bills and make suggestions to an amendment. I can even propose an amendment. there shouldn’t be an issue here.
1. Laffey: I move to vote on Speaker Pro Tempore’s amendment
* vote: passes
* vote: 15.2.2
1. King: I move to amend that the word non-binding should be excluded.
* Sydoriak: is any of that needed? It doesn’t need to be written in this bill.
* Vote: 12.4.4
* Division: 11.5.4
1. Laffey: I move to send this committee with discretion of you all.
* Li Puma: What committee would you like this to be sent to, Rioux?
* Jordan: Internal Committee.
* Crites: sending this to a committee would hurt the intent of the bill. The author has heard this discussion. having him look this over would be more beneficial.
* Sydoriak: If people on the committee do their duty, they will take their time to look at it.
* Yearby: Aren’t these normally sent to a committee?
* Bondi: I would suggest that if it is sent to a committee, I urge the author to attend so that the changes occurred will follow his intent.
* vote: denied
1. Yearby: I move to strike the clause section 404.
* Hansen: Section 404 is a part that’s already in the constitution correct?
* Li Puma: just the italicized part is what is being added.
* Yearby: Section 404 will stay as it is. non-binding advice is redundant. There is a conflict of interest. It should be left up to the constitution and president.
1. Laffey: I wish to postpone the bill for 2 weeks and the committee will formally review as the author may attend.
* Vote: fails
1. Back to discussion of motion in number 24.
* Yearby: Is this saying that president has to get advice?
* Jordan: They shall be nominated.
* Li puma: It encourages conversation.
* Seel: The way the amendment is written now, it will make amendment seem more practical. It is establishing rules the court should live by. I consider this a separate thing. It is formalizing a thing that doesn’t need to be set in stone. We can add more formalizations to a separate amendment in a different bill.
* Sydoriak: How would the president go about getting advice? Let’s formalize it all the way.
* Nolan: I echo what Seel said. This bill is about deputy chief justice. This does seem a bit out of place as the bill as a whole.
* Yearby: I Encourage a yes vote for striking this clause. It gets away from clarification of while it’s supposed to be clarifying. it’s a more passable bill this way.
* vote: 11.3.6
1. Yearby: I move to amend the six hours to stay at 10 until there is a clarification of why there is not a drop in pay.
* Catron: Authors reasoning behind drop in hours?
* Jordan: The idea was creating a new position so that the total of people involved will be able to have a little more time in the office so the chief would have less.
* Yearby: I retract my amendment.
1. Laffey: I move to postpone this bill one week.
* Crites: We can’t vote on it tonight so Laffey wants to discontinue discussion and vote on it next week.
1. Seel: I move to end discussion and debate and voting as a whole.
* Placard vote: 15.1.2
1. Yearby: I move to elect a parliamentarian.
* Nominations:
* Yearby- declines
* Sydoriak: Decline
* Clerk: Decline
* Bondi: Accept- new Parliamentarian
* Q&A:
* Gurau: How will you balance these positions?
* Bondi: Most of my responsibilities as Parliamentarian is being here, I already am. Also the reading of bills: already do that. Working through bills: Already am doing that as well. The only other thing that I would need to pick up was Robert’s Rules.
* Yearby: Payment?
* Bondi: I don’t know. I am not getting paid as R&R.
* Jordan: We have a bill that adds R&R officer later.
* Catron: Salary positions?
1. D: Motion to delay the previous motion for a week to increase pool of Parliamentarian Candidate.
* Lancto: A week is not enough time to study up on parliamentarian procedure because there is question if it is even necessary.
* D: Previous speaker says that electing one in a week will be more than an instant one now.
* Laffey: we are only organization that elects parliamentarian.
* Pasillas: I agree that you all are looking for someone to fill position but dealing with the time constraints now, would it be more effective to give someone more time?
* Jordan: New elected senate should elect new parliamentarian in new meeting (reading of constitution).
* Gurau: Bondi would be excellent fit knowing him personally.
* Seel: I agree, I feel that considering there is an urge to have a discussion, we should discuss later.
1. These next bills as well as the rest of the agenda were postponed for one week due to computer battery loss.
	1. Bill #4403 Legislative Constitutional Clarification
	2. Bill #4404 Membership Officer
2. Announcements
3. Committee Times:
	* Crites: External: MWF 8-10, MON: 2-2, WED 11-3 laurenmichelecries@gmail.com, ((630)-336-4223)
	* Gurau: University Issues: MON-FRI 8-9am, MON-THURS 12-2pm, all Tuesday (11-8), MON 12-2, WED 12-2, THURS 10-8 ((303)-847-5354)
	* Lancto: Internal: MWF 10-12 or 2-4, TR 10-12, 2-5. ((303)-501-0596, lancto10@rams.colostate.edu)
4. Roll Call
5. Adjournment