# ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY FORTY-SIXTH SENATE FIFTEENTH SESSION 11/30/2016

# BILL #4608 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT OF THE NUMBER OF SENATORS AWARDED TO ACADEMIC COLLEGES

SPONSORED BY: Spencer James Nolan, Director of Health; Clayton King, UFFAB Chair; Justin Pyfrom, Senator, College of Agricultural Science; Isaiah Martin, Senator, B/AACC Office; Tyler Siri, Director of Academics; Duane Hansen, Senator, Adult Learner and Veteran Services; Alex Jones, Associate Senator, Adult Learners and Veteran Services;

WRITTEN BY: Peter James Seel, Internal Affairs Committee Chair;

**COLLABORATED WITH:** 

ENDORSED BY:

ABSTRACT: This bill seeks to amend the number of Senator and Associate Senator positions available for the academic colleges.

#### **WHEREAS**

By reducing the amount of Senators, it will be easier to designate funding to Senators and have a steady number of seats which will reduce yearly fluctuations in numbers and costs; and,

### **WHEREAS**

Each college should have an equal level of responsibility but still have some means of proportional legislation; so

#### NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY BE ENACTED

That Section 202 of the ASCSU Constitution which currently reads:

"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 Senators. The Graduate School shall be represented in the same manner. The Student Diversity Programs and Services Offices and the Adult Learner and Veteran Service Office and the Office of International Programs shall be represented with one Senator per office and shall be appointed to office at the discretion of that office. A registered student organization representing a historically underrepresented population

which is not currently represented in the body may also petition the Director of Diversity and upon a 2/3 vote receive a seat, appointed by their respective executive officer, and in operate in a manner similar to SDPS offices. Senators shall be allowed to pursue only one Senate seat. If pursuing a seat to represent a college as a member or one anticipating membership of that college, they shall be elected by the members of that college during the general elections or by approval of their college council at any other time during the year. These Senators must be members of the respective body 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 session and will last until the new Senate is seated."

## Be amended to,

"Senators shall be elected by a plurality vote of the members voting for that college at the general election, with two Senators from each academic college. The Graduate School shall be represented in the same manner. The Student Diversity Programs and Services Offices and the Adult Learner and Veteran Service Office and the Office of International Programs shall be represented with one Senator per office and shall be appointed to office at the discretion of that office. A registered student organization representing a historically underrepresented population which is not currently represented in the body may also petition the Director of Diversity and upon a 2/3 vote receive a seat, appointed by their respective executive officer, and in operate in a manner similar to SDPS offices. Senators shall be allowed to pursue only one Senate seat. If pursuing a seat to represent a college as a member or one anticipating membership of that college, they shall be elected by the members of that college during the general elections or by approval of their college council at any other time during the year. These Senators must be members of the respective body 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 session and will last until the new Senate is seated."

;and,

#### NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER BE ENACTED

That Section 211 of the ASCSU Constitution which currently reads:

"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. The SDPS, ALVS, International Programs offices and any student organization granted a Senator position by Senate will be provided with no more than one Associate Senator."

Be amended to,

"Associate Senators shall be elected by their respective College Council. There shall be one Associate Senator for every five-hundred (500) members of ASCSU, or greater portion thereof (250), in an academic college and at least two Associate Senators for each college Senator. Associate Senators must be a member of the college that they represent. These Associate Senators must be members of the college that they represent by the first Senate session of the fall semester. The SDPS, ALVS, International Programs offices and any student organization granted a Senator position by Senate will be provided with no more than one Associate Senator. The term of office for Associate Senators shall begin with their being sworn in at a Senate sessions and will last until the new Senate is seated."

;and,

#### NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That Senate Leadership be strongly encouraged to develop awards or other accolades for Senators to recognize exceptional performance in both the Fall and Spring semesters.

#### NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER BE ENACTED

The changes made to the Constitution will be effective for the 2017 ASCSU Election Cycle. All Senators elected and appointed for the 46<sup>th</sup> Senate will maintain their positions.

6-19-0	12/07/2016
PASSAGE	DATE
X	X
PRESIDENT PINEDA SORACA	DATE

Tags: Senate, Representation, Constitutional Amendment