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BILL 4616

**Constitutional Amendment Classifying and Establishing a Response for Personal Attacks
within ASCSU**

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ABSTRACT: This bill aims to prevent personal attacks against the character of an individual member of ASCSU in all branches, promoting a professional and positive work environment.

WHEREAS

Historically, personal attacks against members of ASCSU have tarnished members' reputations, creating a bias and preventing a professional work environment throughout every branch of ASCSU; and,

WHEREAS

Colorado State University is a diverse community representing varying backgrounds and viewpoints, and those in leadership positions of ASCSU are equally as diverse; and,

WHEREAS

Differences in opinions within ASCSU, regarding both matters of ASCSU and issues outside the organization, have historically caused slander against and intolerance for certain members; and,

WHEREAS

This intolerance for certain ASCSU members defames their reputation outside of the ASCSU office and online/through social media, preventing these students from obtaining certain employment or leadership positions outside of the organization; and,

WHEREAS

In years past and present, confidential Human Resources situations have been used against certain members of ASCSU without their knowledge or consent through gossip, placing the organization in a potentially gray legal area; and,

WHEREAS

This biased intolerance has prevented individual members of ASCSU from obtaining specific leadership positions within ASCSU, caused members to feel uncomfortable speaking on an issue in ASCSU, and has created an atmosphere of discomfort within the organization; so,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ENACTED

That we acknowledge and classify personal attacks in ASCSU that defame the character of any of ASCSU's members; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That if a member of ASCSU feels personally attacked by another member of ASCSU through direct speech, social media, gossip, or slander, they are eligible to file a formal complaint regarding the incident describing the attack to the established panel; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That the following consequences for personal attacks in ASCSU will be established: in the event of what could be deemed a personal attack, the member who filed the complaint and the accused member of ASCSU will meet with a panel of ASCSU members and faculty. The panel will be made up of one senator, who will be voted on by the senate body, one executive member, who will be chosen by the President and Vice President and further ratified by the senate body, and one member of the judicial branch, who will be chosen by the Chief Justice and further ratified by the senate body. In addition, one ASCSU faculty advisor will sit on the panel. The incident will be brought to the panel by the individual who filed the complaint as well as the accused, and the appropriate consequence will be decided by the panel. These consequences may include, but

are not limited to, suspension and notice to college council/SDPS office. If impeachment or forced resignation is suggested, the panel will formally suggest so to the judicial branch, who will act accordingly; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That Section 110 of Article 1 of the Constitution of the Associated Students of Colorado State University be amended to read as follows:


“Section 110: Personal attacks in ASCSU that defame the character of any of ASCSU’s members are specifically acknowledged. If a member of ASCSU feels personally attacked by another member of ASCSU through direct speech, social media, gossip, or slander, they are eligible to file a formal complaint regarding the incident describing the attack. The consequences for personal attacks in ASCSU are as follows: in the event of what could be deemed a personal attack, the accused member of ASCSU will meet with a panel of ASCSU members and faculty. The panel will be made up of one senator, who will be voted on by the senate body, one executive member, who will be chosen by the President and Vice President and further ratified by the senate body, and one member of the judicial branch, who will be chosen by the Chief Justice and further ratified by the senate body. In addition, one ASCSU faculty advisor will sit on the panel. The incident will be brought to the panel by the individual who filed the complaint as well as the accused, and the appropriate consequence will be decided by the panel. These consequences may include, but are not limited to, suspension and notice to college council/SDPS office. If impeachment or forced resignation is suggested, the panel will formally suggest so to the judicial branch, who will act accordingly.”; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That a copy of this legislation be forwarded to Dr. Tony Frank, Colorado State University President; Dr. Blanche Hughes, Vice President for Student Affairs; Jodi Donovan, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students; Pam Norris, Director of SLiCE; Bruce Mann, Assistant Director of Co-Curricular Leadership; and President Daniela Pineda-Soracá.

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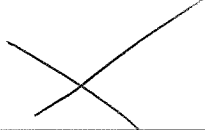
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President Pineda-Soracá

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