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BILL #4621

ASCSU Executive and Legislative Branch Collaboration

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COLLABORATED WITH:

ENDORSED BY: Internal Affairs Committee

ABSTRACT: A bill which allows executive and legislative members to be a part of another branch, spreading resources and expertise to better allow the organization to function.

WHEREAS

Senators are provided little direction and sometimes inadequate support to perform their roles; and,

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Certain departments within the executive are sometimes short on help and often have additional projects that they do not have time to complete; and,

WHEREAS

The Associated Students of Colorado State University (ASCSU) often is not a cohesive organization. Senators have stated that they do not really have any connection to the Executive Branch or any of its members and are often not informed of upcoming events, projects or plans. Executives are rarely posted about what occurs within the Senate body including what bills are discussed, unless they are controversial, or what is happening with Senate members; and,

WHEREAS

For this organization to properly function, all branches need to function cohesively. Since the Judicial branch is responsible for oversight, they should maintain a completely separate role of overseeing the other branches and offering support and assistance to the other branches. Executive and Legislative branches both function to improve the student experience at CSU and represent the student voice to the university and other outside bodies. To best accomplish this, especially given high yearly turnover, both branches should have tighter collaborative mechanisms to enable the best outcomes possible; so,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ENACTED

That Article I, Section 104 of the ASCSU Constitution which currently reads:

Section 104: No member of ASCSU shall hold a position in more than one of the three branches (Executive, Judicial and Legislative) of ASCSU except those serving in ex officio status.

Be amended to:

Section 104: No member of the ASCSU Judicial shall hold a position in another branch, and no member of another branch may hold a Judicial position. Executive and Legislative members shall be able to hold positions in both branches simultaneously. Individuals who hold ex officio status shall have no limitations between branches.

; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That the ASCSU Senate Bylaws be amended before the end of the 46th Senate which stipulates: that Senators must be associated with an Executive Department. That the Senators interests and the needs of the departments, in that order, be used for consideration of placement. That Senators and Associate Senators be able to petition the Speaker of the Senate to allow them to work on a personal project through a project request form. That the Speaker of the Senate, in collaboration with the President, Vice-President, or Chief of Staff work on finding ideal placements for Senators. That the placement of Senators be revisited every semester with Senators able to ask to switch departments or petition for a personal project; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That the ASCSU Executive Bylaws be amended before the end of the Pineda-Soracá/Lensky Administration which stipulates: that Directors are responsible for the Senators assigned to them as a normal member of the department. That Directors shall be encouraged to participate and become members of Senate in any capacity. That Executive Departments should attempt to find opportunities where legislation would be a useful and beneficial mechanism to promote the goals of the department; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That the ASCSU Green and Gold Book be updated to reflect the changes in this bill.

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That the ASCSU Code of Ethics be updated to specific how conflict of interest affects both Legislative and Executive members and how that should be applied in instances of voting, seeking assistance for projects, or otherwise conducting oneself as an official of ASCSU.

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; Daniela Pineda-Soraca, ASCSU President; Kim Grubbs, ASCSU Adviser; Mike Lensky, ASCSU Vice President; Zachary Vaishampayan, ASCSU Parliamentarian; Jacob Stein, ASCSU Chief Justice; Josh Silva, ASCSU President-Elect; Michael Wells, ASCSU Vice President-Elect; Isabel Brown, ASCSU Speaker of the Senate-Elect

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