

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY  
FORTY-SEVENTH SENATE  
NINETEENTH SESSION  
MARCH 7, 2018**

**BILL #4726**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ASCSU WOMEN'S CAUCUS AS A STANDING COMMITTEE**

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**SPONSORED BY:**

**WRITTEN BY:** Isabel Brown, Speaker of the Senate; Merall Sherif, Senator, Women's and Gender Advocacy Center, Power Chair; Cerridwyn Nordstrom, Senator, Resources for Disabled Students

**COLLABORATED WITH:** Kim Grubbs, ASCSU Advisor

**ENDORSED BY:** Liam Aubrey, Senator, College of Business; Lysie Roper, Student Fee Review Board Member; Joshua Williams, Chair, Budgetary Affairs Committee, Senator, Multi-Faith and Belief Council; Jenny Murray, Internal Committee Vice chair; Senator, College of Liberal Arts; Josh Lindell, University Issues Committee Chair; Senator, College of Liberal Arts; Haneen Badri, Senator, B/AACC; Tamera Breidenbach, Senator, Warner College of Natural Resources; Diego Lopez-Duran, Senator, El Centro; Annie Williamson, Associate Senator, APACC; Josh Johnson, Associate Senator, ALVS; Akbar Khan, Senator, Office of International Programs; Addison Hobbs, Senator, CVMBS; Madeline Draper, Senator, CVMBS; Lydia Draper, Senator, College of Health and Human Sciences; CJ Ash, Senator, ALVS; Melvyn Salvatierra, Associate Senator, Intra-University; Chase Eslick, Associate Senator, College of Business; Katie Haggstrom, Senator, Graduate School; Amelia Guglielmi, Associate Justice; Madison Taylor, Associate Justice; Internal Affairs Committee

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**ABSTRACT:** This bill seeks to establish the ASCSU Women's Caucus as a standing committee of ASCSU, with membership offered to all students involved in all three branches of ASCSU with the particular intent of empowering women-identifying students, the Ram Leadership Team, the Board for Student Organization Funding, and the Student Fee Review Board, to promote and cultivate a sense of empowerment among women leaders at Colorado State University.

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**WHEREAS**

Senator Merall Sherif, Senator for the Women's and Gender Advocacy Center, recently founded the ASCSU Women's Caucus to "foster a sense of community and empowerment amongst women-identifying servant leader involved in all branches of the Associated Students of Colorado State University, and provide an opportunity to cultivate a confidence with which to traverse professional environments beyond one's ASCSU experience,"; and,

**WHEREAS**

ASCSU is a body that seeks to "represent a student body comprised of a multitude of individuals and cultures, linked by our common denominators, yet distinguished by our unique experiences," according to the Preamble of the ASCSU Constitution; and,

**WHEREAS**

ASCSU has pledged to “[work] to create a diverse reflection of the Colorado State student body in Senate and Cabinet positions, in appointments to committees, and in who is sought for direction on important issues,” according to the Preamble of the ASCSU Constitution; and,

WHEREAS

The women of ASCSU have previously met to discuss existing cultural strain in the organization related to gender identity; so,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ENACTED

That ASCSU formally establish the ASCSU Women’s Caucus as an interbranch standing committee in order to gain a wider women and gender diverse voice within ASCSU regarding works by all branches, to empower women and gender diverse in the organization from all parts of campus; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That the ASCSU Women’s Caucus be formed by all women and gender diverse students in ASCSU from the legislative, executive, and judicial branches, as well as the Ram Leadership Team, Board for Student Organization Funding, and the Student Fee Review Board, with membership offered in a voluntary manner; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That the ASCSU Women’s Caucus work to promote legislation, programming, and a sense of community to empower women and gender diverse students in the organization and student body; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That the ASCSU Senate approve the attached ASCSU Women’s Caucus bylaws, and that the bylaws may be amended by a bill through the Senate; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED


That a copy of this Legislation by forwarded to: Tony Frank, Colorado State University Chancellor and President; Blanche Hughes, Vice President for Student Affairs; Mary Ontiveros, Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion; Monica Rivera Director, Women’s and Gender Advocacy Center

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