

BILL #4102
Redefining Elections Manager Restrictions

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WHEREAS: Article VII, Section 704 of the Associated Students of Colorado State University Constitution states that "The President shall select an impartial and unbiased member of ASCSU to serve as the Elections Manager...the Elections Manager shall not be eligible to hold a position in the Executive or Judicial branches the following school year"; and,

WHEREAS: The Elections Manager serves in an unbiased and impartial role, no matter which ticket gets elected; and,

WHEREAS: Experience and consistency in the Elections Manager role is beneficial to a smooth and fair elections process in ASCSU; and,

WHEREAS: The Elections Manager role is different than other Executive Branch roles as it is required to remain unbiased and neutral no matter who is running for elected office.

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ENACTED

That Section 704 of Article VII of the Constitution of the Associated Students of Colorado State University be amended to read as follows:

"Section 704: All ASCSU elections shall be organized and executed by the Elections Manager. The President shall select an impartial and unbiased member of ASCSU to serve as the Elections Manager. The Elections Manager shall not be eligible to hold a position in the Executive or Judicial branches the following school year, **with the exception of the Elections Manager position**. The President shall present this nominee to the Senate for ratification no later than the week immediately prior to Fall Break, and the candidate shall be ratified by a majority vote of the present voting membership, excluding abstentions, of the ASCSU Senate. If the President cannot find a willing Elections Manager by Fall Break, he or she must go before Senate to ask permission to extend the time period to winter break and/or extend eligibility requirements. In doing so, the President must demonstrate by written record a thorough attempt to find a willing and eligible Elections Manager. Should the President not wish to nominate the Elections Manager, the task shall be handed down the chain of command as outlined in Section 303 of this Constitution. Whoever nominates the Elections Manager is ineligible to be an elected official the following school year. Should none of the individuals in the chain of command wish to select

an Elections Manager, the Senate shall elect a member of Senate to be the nominating official of the Elections Manager. The Elections Manager, once ratified, shall be a member of the Executive Cabinet and shall serve as an ex-officio member of Senate. The Elections Manager shall not be eligible to run for any elected office.”; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

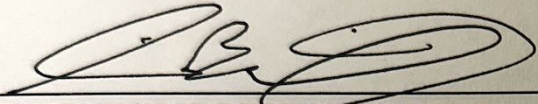
That a copy of this legislation be forwarded to Kellen Wittkop, Chief Justice, ASCSU Supreme Court; Kathy Harward, Director, Student Legal Services; Dr. Mike Ellis, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs; and Dr. Blanche Hughes, Vice President for Student Affairs.

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