



THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

9st SESSION OF THE FIFTY-THIRD SENATE
18 October 2023

BILL #5310

Rebranding Women's Caucus to the Women & Social Justice Caucus

NOTICE: *A signature to sponsor means that you only wish for the legislation to be heard, a signature to endorse means that you support the contents and/or actions of this legislation.*

WRITTEN BY: Adalyn Schumer, Senator, Adult Learner & Veteran Services; Sammy Trout, Chair, Accessibility Caucus, Associate Senator, Student Disability Center;

COLLABORATED WITH: Women's Caucus;

SPONSORED BY: Mia Ritter, Recruitment and Retention Officer

ENDORSED BY: Olivia Friske, Chair, Women's Caucus, Senator, Women & Gender Advocacy Center; Alexander Wilson, Vice-Chair, Accessibility Caucus; Senator, Student Disability Center; Brooklyn Resse, Vice-Chair, Internal Affairs Committee; Senator, College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences; Allie Barron, Senator, El Centro; Hailie Chacon, Senator, El Centro; Lina Alvarez, Associate Senator, El Centro; Yoseline Rivera, Associate Senator, El Centro; Gabby Rhodes, Women's Caucus Member; Ariadne Athey, Senator, Student Disability Center; Diversity Equity and Inclusion Affairs Committee; Benton Roesler, Chair, University Facility Fee Advisory Board; Ellie Lutz, Vice Chair, Diversity Equity and Inclusion Affairs Committee, Associate Senator, Warner College of Natural Resources; Meaghan Liebe, Senator, Warner College of Natural Resources; Claire Pickerel, Secretary, Diversity Equity and Inclusion Affairs Committee, Senator, Warner College of Natural Resources; Mitchell Perque, Senator, Pride Resource Center; Madeleine Kamberg, Associate Senator, Adult Learner and Veteran Center; Sarah Dann, oStem member; Lauren Davis, Senator, Women & Gender Advocacy Center;

ABSTRACT: *This bill aims to rebrand Women's Caucus to the Women & Social Justice Caucus as well as give the caucus a new branch to further their advocacy.*

WHEREAS

RESOLUTION 53XX

Caucuses were made with the intention of getting non-ASCSU members involved in open forum format to encourage cooperation between ASCSU, and the student population as stated in Section 602, subsection b; and,

WHEREAS

The Women's Caucus was founded to "foster a sense of community and empowerment amongst women identifying servant leaders involved in all branches of the Associated Students of Colorado State University..."¹; and,

WHEREAS

The Women's Caucus has had a difficult time finding a purpose since its founding. This has been exasperated with the Diversity & Inclusion Caucus ("Dnl Caucus") recently being reformed into the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Affairs Committee ("DEI Affairs Committee") with the passage of Bill #5209²; and,

WHEREAS

The Social Justice Library ("The Library") was founded by Bill #5027 and was intended to showcase books written by BIPoC and LGBTQ authors³; and,

WHEREAS

As stated in Bill #5027, "ASCSU currently has the unique ability, as well as its longstanding and clearly outlines responsibility, to provide its members with access to the materials and resources necessary to adequately and effectively advocate for their respective constituencies"; and,

WHEREAS

The Library was intended to be overseen and funded by multiple individuals, including the ASCSU Advisors, the Front Desk, ASCSU Director of Diversity & Inclusion, Office of Campus Engagement, and the Dnl Caucus to name a few. This responsibility has historically been pushed to the side; and,

WHEREAS

The Library has instead been on-again, off-again worked on by individual members of ASCSU since its inception and it would benefit to having a consistent point of contact rather than being picked up by members as a side project; and,

WHEREAS

Not only would the name change allow it to be more flexible on what projects it can work on, giving it jurisdiction to the Library would give the Caucus a new sense of self and purpose as well as ensure the Library is not a forgotten resource within ASCSU; so,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ENACTED

RESOLUTION 53XX

That the 53rd Senate rebrands the “Women’s Caucus” to be the “Women & Social Justice Caucus” and shall be established as a permanent Caucus unless another bill disbands the Caucus; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That the Women & Social Justice Caucus shall establish their own bylaws, which shall include the process of recommendation of books to add to the library, and will vote on those bylaws at their earliest convenience; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED/ENACTED

That Rule six [6] of the Senate Bylaws be amended to replace “Women’s Caucus” with “Women & Social Justice Caucus” in section XVI (Caucus Reports); and,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

The Women & Social Justice Caucus will be tasked with handling the Library within the ASCSU Office, the marketing of the library, and ensure it is up to date and accessible for CSU students as well as ASCSU members; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

The Women & Social Justice Caucus shall decide on how to go about how the library is funded, whether through their own budget, a bill at the end of their semester, or other ways deemed fit by the Caucus and shall act appropriately in acquiring that funding; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

The Women & Social Justice Caucus **shall continue to prioritize taking on projects** the Caucus deems fit in advocating for gender issues and social justice on campus and shall collaborate with other entities within ASCSU, CSU, and the Fort Collins Community as they see fit; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That a copy of this legislation be forwarded to Amy Parsons, President, Colorado State University; Tony Frank, Chancellor, CSU System; Blanche Hughes, Vice President, Student Affairs; JoAnn Cornell, Director, Asian Pacific American Cultural Center; Duan Ruff, Director, Black/African American Cultural Center; Aaron Escobedo Garmon, Interim Director, El Centro Maggie Hendrickson, Director, Pride Resource Center; Tyrone Smith, Director, Native American Cultural Center; Justin Dove, Director, Student Disability Center; Shannon Archibeque-Engle, Interim Director, Women & Gender Advocacy Center; John Parry, Director, Colorado State University Bookstore; Dr. Sushmita Chatterjee, Chair, Department of Ethnic Studies; Nicholas

RESOLUTION 53XX

DeSalvo, ASCSU President; Alex Silverhart, ASCSU Vice-President; Meron Siyoum, ASCSU Director of Campus Community; Theo Resse, ASCSU Director of Academic Relations; Leticia Madrigal, ASCSU Director of Diversity and Inclusion.

PASSAGE AND ENACTMENT OF BILL 5310
SESSION OF PASSAGE

Yays-Nays-Abstentions

Unanimous

SENATE PASSAGE

11/8/2023

ASCSU PRESIDENT NICHOLAS DESALVO

Nicholas DeSalvo

DATE

11/13/23

RESOURCES

- 1.) Bill #4726 – Establishment of the ASCSU Women’s Caucus as a Standing Committee
 - 2.) Bill #5209 – Changing Diversity and Inclusion Caucus to Diversity Equity and Inclusion Affairs Committee
 - 3.) Bill #5027 – Formation of the ASCSU Social Justice Book Library
-

THAT THIS LEGISLATION SHALL BE FORWARDED TO _____

RESOLUTION 53XX

Amy Parsons, President of Colorado State University
Tony Frank, Chancellor of the CSU System
Blanche Hughes, CSU Vice President for Student Affairs
JoAnn Cornell, Director of the Asian Pacific American Cultural Center
Duan Ruff, Director of the Black/African American Cultural Center
Aaron Escobedo Garmon, Interim Director of El Centro
Maggie Hendrickson, Director of the Pride Resource Center
Tyrone Smith, Director of the Native American Cultural Center
Justin Dove, Director of the Student Disability Center
Shannon Archibeque-Engle, Interim Director, Women & Gender Advocacy Center
John Parry, Director of the Colorado State University Bookstore
Dr. Sushmita Chatterjee, Chair of the Department of Ethnic Studies
Nicholas DeSalvo, ASCSU President
Alex Silverhart, ASCSU Vice-President
Meron Siyoum, ASCSU Director of Campus Community
Theo Resse, ASCSU Director of Academic Relations
Leticia Madrigal, ASCSU Director of Diversity and Inclusion

ARCHIVE INFO [Parliamentarian Use Only]

INTRODUCTION DATE/SESSION:

ARCHIVE DATE:

COMMITTEE'S REVIEWED:

MONETARY? Y/N