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FIFTY-SECOND SENATE
SESSION - 13th Session
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**LEX #5204
INSTITUTION OF GUIDANCE FOR SPECIAL SESSIONS**

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Abstract: This Lex aims to clarify the guidelines of a "Special Session" in the ASCSU constitution.

WHEREAS

The term 'special session' is mentioned a mere twice in the ASCSU constitution, both of which mentions the title but provides no description or guidance; and,

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Until recently, all sessions of the Senate held outside of the regularly scheduled Senate Session have been called an "Emergency Session" and formatted from the "Emergency Budget Session" in Section 210 of the ASCSU Constitution; and,

WHEREAS

Even the "Emergency Budget Session" is not entirely accurate for holding a session that needs a ratification or to pass legislation and does not look at the budget in any way; and,

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WHEREAS

The lack of consistency provides areas of difficulty for both new members in the lack of written and specified rules, and for continuing members in their ability to hold themselves accountable; so,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ENACTED

That section 210, Emergency Budget Session, have the new title “Emergency Session” and shall be amended to state:

- I. In the event a Senate Session must be held outside of the regularly scheduled Senate Sessions, the Legislative Cabinet may call for an “Emergency Session”.
 - a. These Sessions must be called with a majority vote of the Legislative Cabinet and must notify all members and constituents through the ASCSU weekly email emailing list at least 72 hours in advance.
 - b. The Legislative Cabinet may veto a request for an Emergency Session, with a majority vote, within 24 business hours of the request to call an Emergency Session.
- II. Should the head of a branch call for an Emergency Session they shall notify the Legislative Cabinet a minimum of 96 hours before the session needs to be held, allowing for the 24-business hours veto timeline, and the 72-hour announcement notification of the session.
 - a. Should a member of another branch request the Emergency Session, the vote of the Legislative Cabinet shall be held within one (1) week of the request and shall be held within fourteen (14) days of the written or dated request.
- III. An Emergency Session will consist of all available Senators.
- IV. Emergency Sessions will have a limited quorum dependent on the quorum of a typical Senate Session.
 - a. The quorum of an Emergency Session shall be 18. % But must be a minimum of at least five Senators or Associate Senators filling in for Senators, a Chair of an Internal Committee, and the Speaker of the Senate or another member of the Legislative Cabinet filling in as the Chair of the Session.
- V. Emergency Sessions shall have an agenda, just as any other Senate Session, but may have a limited agenda to focus on the topics requiring the call of the session.
- VI. Emergency Sessions shall have the same power over ratification or the passing of legislation and documents but still require all the same requirements for such passages.
- VII. Emergency Sessions will be held to all the responsibilities of a regularly convening Senate including but not limited to, utilizing a clerk to take minutes and attendance, communication about the Emergency Session to all members and constituents, and all accessibility measures; and,

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THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That Section 207, Subsection II (B) be removed for consistency; and,

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That Section 208, Subsection II (C) have the term “Special Session” replaced with the term “Emergency Session” for consistency but shall contain no other edits; and,

THAT THIS LEGISLATION SHALL BE FORWARDED TO

Rick Miranda, Interim President of Colorado State University; Tony Frank, Chancellor of the Colostate System; Nick DeSalvo, Speaker of the Senate; Rob Long, ASCSU, President; Marcus Zacharias, ASCSU, Chief Justice.

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PRESIDENT ROBERT LONG

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RESOURCES

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