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**LEX #5207  
Voting Rights and Senate Associate Senator Membership**

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COLLABORATED WITH:

ENDORSED BY: Mia Ritter, Senator Native American Cultural Center, Budgetary Affairs Chair; Ellie Lutz, Senator, Natural Resources; Enock Monanti, Associate Senator, Pride Resource Center; Mitchell Perque, Associate Senator, Pride Resource Center, Charlie Williamson, Director, Diversity and Inclusion, Claudia Parasio, Senator, Black/African American Cultural Center; Reham Abdunabi, Senator, Asian Pacific American Cultural Center; Treasure Morgan, Senator, Native American Cultural Center; Ashton Barbone, Associate Senator, Native American Cultural Center; Zoe Kelly, Associate Senator, Black/African American Cultural Center; DEI Affairs Committee; Internal Affairs Committee;

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ABSTRACT: This resolution aims to grant Associate Senators voting rights **ONLY** in the instance that they hold a Chair position in ASCSU.

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**WHEREAS**

The ASCSU Constitution establishes the rules of Associate Senators under Section 209 “Rights and Duties Clause of the Senate” subsection II which states “Associate Senators and Senate Officer positions only have the rights of debate”; and,

**WHEREAS**

While Associate Senators are limited in their right to vote, they are permitted to run for Senate Leadership position under Section 103, Subsection III, subsection A “Senators or Associate Senators may serve as a Chair of a Committee or in an additional leadership role within Senate, excluding Speaker of the Senate, Speaker Pro Tempore, and Parliamentarian, but cannot serve in more than one of these capacities.”; and,

WHEREAS

Chair positions have more duties than Senators, as they run either Committees or Caucuses. They facilitate conversation, provide edits to legislation, and other duties for ASCSU members and the student body; and,

WHEREAS

With the duties of Chair, much more responsibilities and initiatives are being taken on. Chairs are looked at meticulously for guidance and as a resource, However, a gap exists as they are not able to support the student body if they hold an Associate Senator position and perform the leadership duties of a Chair and the duties of their respective College/Office; and,

WHEREAS

While Associate Senators who are elected as Chairs have the same job description, hours, and financial compensation in the case of Committee Chairs, as Senators in those positions, they are unable to vote unless a senator for their college/office gives them that authority, whether a Senator is not present for a Senate session or a Senator waives their voting right for the Associate Senator. This Resolution aims to rectify that gap; so,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ENACTED

Associate Senators that are elected to a Senate Leadership position shall receive the same voting rights as a Senator pursuant to Section 209, Subsection A; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

Subsubsection i shall be added to Section 209, Subsection B, that shall state “Associate Senators that hold Senate Leadership positions shall receive the same right to vote and debate as a Senator”; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

A Subsubsection shall be added to Section 209, Subsection B, Subsubsection A. “In order to attain Voting Rights, after Chairship has been attained, an Associate Senator, must have prior experience, with at least an academic semester, with attendance in Committee or Caucus. An additional vote of confidence with a majority vote shall be held to deem them fit for Voting Rights by the Senate body after their election.

i; Voting Rights cannot be taken away once granted but shall be lost in the same events a Senator would lose their Voting Rights. If an Associate Senator is no longer a Chair their voting rights shall be immediately revoked.

ii: Associate Senators with Chairship can request and shall be granted this vote of confidence once per semester until Voting Rights have been attained.”; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

An amendment to the 52nd Senate Bylaws Section VIII, Subsection F, Subsubsection B that states, "Associate Senators that hold Chair positions in the Senate Leadership (i.e. Legislative Cabinet) will be granted voting rights, the same as a Senator of a College/Office.”; and

**THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED**

Any Associate Senator holding a Chair position in Senate Leadership shall receive the same voting rights as a Senator. They will have voting rights on bills, leges, and resolutions.;so,

**THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED**

A copy of this legislation will be forwarded to the ASCSU Advisor Jessica Dyrdaahl, ASCSU Advisor, Jessi Sholts, Speaker of the Senate, Nicholas DeSalvo, Speaker Pro Tempore, Kimberly Carracedo-Perez, ASCSU President, Rob Long, ASCSU Vice-President, Elijah Sandoval.

**APPROVED VIA VOICE VOTE**

**25 APRIL 2023**

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