

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
27th SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SECOND SENATE
19 APRIL 2023**

**LEX #5208 [FAILED]
Collaboration and Diversity Amendment**

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SPONSORED BY: Adrian Salazar, Chair of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, Senator for the Pride Resource Center; Sammy Trout, Chair of the University Affairs Committee, Senator for the College of Liberal Arts

WRITTEN BY: Nicholas DeSalvo, Speaker of the Senate

COLLABORATED WITH: Nora Aslan, Associate Senator for the Pride Resource Center; Justin Melka, Senator for the College of Liberal Arts

ENDORSED BY: Robert Long, ASCSU Student Body President; Mia Ritter, Budgetary Affairs Committee Chair, Senator for the Native American Cultural Center; Rory Low, Senator for the Student Disability Center; Adalyn Schumer, Women’s Caucus Chair, Senator for the Adult Learners and Veteran Services Office; Claudia Paraiso, Senator for the Black and African American Cultural Center; Alex Silverheart, Director of Health and Wellness; Morgan Wright, Senator for the College of Natural Sciences; Ava McCall, Senator for the Women and Gender Advocacy Center; Ellie Lutz, Senator of the Warner College of Natural Resources; Hayden Taylor, Senator, College of Liberal Arts; Ariadne Athey, Senator Student Disability Center; Enock Monanti, Associate Senator, Pride Resource Center; Internal Affairs Committee;

ABSTRACT: The purpose of this lex is to foster collaboration, coupled with promoting diversity of experience and thought within the Senate through all pieces of legislation.

WHEREAS

ASCSU has affirmed its commitment to Diversity Equity, and Inclusion efforts. The passage of this amendment would ensure that all further pieces of legislation are crafted with a DEI perspective in mind; and,

WHEREAS

Collaboration is necessary in a legislative body to ensure that all viewpoints are represented. Additionally, it is important to oftentimes make concessions to meet the needs of others; and,

WHEREAS

For the purposes of this amendment, “SDPS” offices will not only include the Native American Cultural Center, the Asian Pacific American Cultural Center, the Student Disability Center, the Black and African American Cultural Center, El Centro, the Pride Resource Center, and the

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Women and Gender Advocacy Center, but will also include the Adult Learners and Veterans Services office, Office of International Programs, First Generation Collective Board, and the Multi-Faith and Belief Council. This group will be referred to as Non-College Council; and,

WHEREAS

“College Council” will be defined as any active Dean’s Leadership College Council. This group will be referred to as College Council; and,

WHEREAS

Collaboration between senators from SDPS offices and College Councils is at a low point, and legislation can only improve if more people are able to provide input; and,

WHEREAS

ASCSU has historically had issues promoting diverse environments where all student concerns are validated. This amendment seeks to ensure that all legislation considers the impact that student government decisions have on all students; and,

WHEREAS

Supermajorities sometimes exist in legislative bodies. This amendment solidifies that the diverse interests of students from both college councils and SDPS offices are not only considered but prioritized regardless of who controls the body at the time; so,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ENACTED

That section 207 “Rules of the Senate” have added subsections, subsection F, G, H, and I that state:

“F.) any piece of legislation written by a Senator or Associate Senator from a college council must be either collaborated with or co-authored by a Senator or an Associate Senator from a Non-College Council.

G.) Any piece of legislation written by a Senator or Associate Senator from a Non-College Council must be either collaborated with or co-authored by a Senator or an Associate Senator from a College Council.

H.) If a member of the senate that is not a Senator or an Associate senator writes a piece of legislation, it must be collaborated or co-authored by a Senator or an Associate Senator from a College Council and a Non-College council.

I.) subsection F, G, and H only applies to members of the ASCSU Senate.”; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That a copy of this legislation be forwarded to Rob Long, ASCSU Student Body President; Ava Ayala, Senator for College of Natural Sciences; Speaker of the Senate-Elect; Nicholas DeSalvo, Speaker of the Senate, ASCSU President-Elect; Alex Silverhart, Director of Health & Wellness, ASCSU Vice-President Elect; Amy Parsons, CSU President; Tony Frank, Chancellor of the CSU System; Blanche Hughes, Vice President of Student Affairs, Pamela Norris, Associate Executive Director of Engagement and Talent Development

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ASCSU PRESIDENT Robert Long

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