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Codifying Caucuses in the ASCSU Constitution

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ABSTRACT: This Bill seeks to codify the ability to form caucuses under the Article VI Special Committees. Under this Bill, the purpose of a caucus shall be to address pertinent issues on campus.

WHEREAS

The first caucus was established in Bill 4726 as the Women's Caucus; and,

WHEREAS

The Women's Caucus was founded to "foster a sense of community and empowerment amongst women-identifying servant leader involved in all branches of the Associated Students of Colorado State University, and provide an opportunity to cultivate a confidence with which to traverse professional environments beyond one's ASCSU experience"; and,

WHEREAS

The most recent caucus, established in Bill 5003 as the Diversity and Inclusion Caucus, was established "as an interbranch standing caucus in order to gain an avenue for collaboration for empowering a sense of belonging and writing legislation relating to diversity and inclusion initiatives"; and,

WHEREAS

Caucuses have been used in the ASCSU space to open dialogue about important issues on campus and be an united voice for advocacy on those issues; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ENACTED

That the following changes be made to the Constitution of ASCSU; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That Article VI Section 602 be amended to read as follows:

"Section 602 Caucus Clause

- 1) A caucus shall be a special committee as defined in Article VI section 601.
- 2) The purpose of a caucus shall be to address pertinent issues on campus in an open forum format to encourage cooperation between ASCSU and the student population.
- 3) A caucus shall write their own bylaws.

a) The legislative and judicial branch shall have the right to review these bylaws to ensure they are in accordance with superseding governing documents.

4) A new caucus shall be formed through a bill passed in the Senate.

a) It must be co-authored by at least one member of ASCSU.

5) Once ratified by the Senate, a caucus becomes a permanent entity.

a) A caucus end date can be stipulated by the legislation which created the caucus originally.

6) If the time in the bill is indefinite, a caucus must be renewed every academic year with the Senate.

a) Renewal of a caucus requires three people, one of which must be a member of ASCSU, and must be ratified by the Senate with a simple majority vote.”

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That a copy of this legislation be given to Hannah Taylor, ASCSU President; Christian Dykson, Speaker of the Senate; Tristan Reyez, Speaker Pro Tempore; Jessica Dyrdaahl, ASCSU Advisor; Jessi Sholts, ASCSU Advisor;

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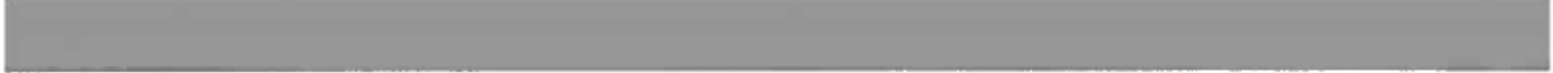
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