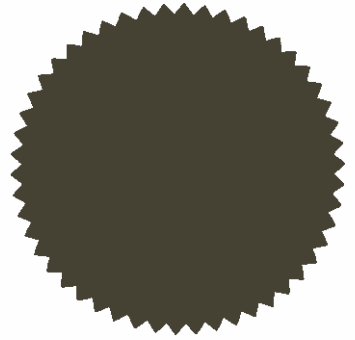


**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
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19th SESSION
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**Bill #5018
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
FIRST GENERATION REPRESENTATION IN SENATE**

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SPONSORED BY: Peyton Dailey, Chief Justice, ASCSU

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ENDORSED BY: Evan Welch, Senator, College of Liberal Arts; Lizzy Osterhoudt, Senator, Native American Cultural Center; Miles Robinson, Senator, Student Disability Center; Jackson Hunter, Senator, College of Liberal Arts; Cindy Trinh, Senator, Pride Resource Center; Mia Ritter, Associate Senator, Native American Cultural Center; Shaylee Richardson, Associate Senator, Pride Resource Center; Muemang Ling, Senator, Asian/Pacific American Cultural Center; Diego Tovar, Senator, Warner College of Natural Resources; Rachel Jackson, Senator, Warner College of Natural Resources; Benton Roesler, Senator, College of Natural Sciences; Emily Cruz Arrazola, Associate Senator, El Centro; Jilda Nevarez, Student; Jacob Leavitt, Student; Hannah Taylor, President, ASCSU; Tristan Reyez, Senate Speaker Pro Tempore, ASCSU; Bemnet Tefera, Senator, Black / African American Cultural Center; Abigail Tekeste, Senator, Black / African American Cultural Center; Taylor Milson, Director of Campus Engagement, ASCSU; Jaquieyah Fields, Senator, Women and Gender Advocacy Center; Kevin Clark, Parliamentarian, ASCSU; Internal Affairs Committee; University Affairs Committee;

ABSTRACT: A bill to amend the Constitution to assign (2) Senator and (2) Associate Senator positions to the AAC First-Generation Student Collective Board.

WHEREAS

Colorado State University has expressed a commitment to ensuring First-Generation student success; and,

WHEREAS

Over the last five years, Colorado State University has consistently invited first-generation students to occupy approximately 25% of entering cohorts; and,

WHEREAS

According to the Office of Institutional Research, Planning, and Effectiveness, First-Generation students experience greater graduation gaps, ranging from 8% to 18%, when compared to non-First-Generation students; and,

WHEREAS

The Academic Advancement Center, founded at CSU in 1978, housed the first TRIO Student Support Services Programs (TRIO SSS) funded through the U.S. Department of Education to serve and assist low-income individuals, first-generation college students, and individuals with disabilities as they transition into CSU, persist year to year, graduate, and prepare to enter graduate school or careers; and,

WHEREAS

The Academic Advancement Center works collaboratively with key campus partners supporting first-generation students including Key Communities, and Community 4 Excellence to offer student support services to first-generation student populations here at CSU; and,

WHEREAS

In 1984, Colorado State became the first university in the nation to offer scholarships specifically for first generation students. For decades, about 25 percent of students at CSU have been in the first generation of their families to earn college degrees. These first generation students are a testament to the power of a land-grant university to improve individual lives, communities – and the world – by providing access to excellent education for every student with the talent and motivation to earn it; and,

WHEREAS

Senate members have a duty to ensure the ASCSU legislative branch adequately represents the identities of the constituents it collectively represents; and,

WHEREAS

Integrating the commitment to First Generation students into the ASCSU Senate will elevate First-Generation student success; so,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ENACTED

That Section 203, Part C, of the ASCSU Constitution which currently reads

The Student Diversity Programs and Services Offices and the Adult Learner and Veteran Service Office and the Office of International Programs shall be represented with two Senators per office and shall be appointed to office at the discretion of that office.

Be amended to,

The Student Diversity Programs and Services Offices and the Adult Learner and Veteran Service Office and the Office of the International Programs and the AAC First-Generation Student Collective Board shall be represented with two Senators per office and shall be appointed to office at the discretion of that office; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That Section 204, Part D, of the ASCSU Constitution which currently reads

The SDPS, ALVS, International Programs offices, the Multi-Faith and Belief Student Council will be provided with no more than two Associate Senators.

Be amended to,

The SDPS, ALVS, International Programs offices, the Multi-Faith and Belief Student Council, and the AAC First-Generation Student Collective Board will be provided with no more than two Associate Senators per office; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That Section 205, Part A, of the ASCSU Constitution which currently reads

Whenever a vacancy in the Senate shall occur, the appropriate College Council or office shall be notified and shall have the power to appoint or elect both Senators and Associate Senators to represent that college or office, if the vacancy occurs when an election is not active.

Be amended to,

Whenever a vacancy in the Senate shall occur, the appropriate College Council, office, or advisory board shall be notified and shall have the power to appoint or elect both Senators and Associate Senators to represent that college, office, or advisory board, if the vacancy occurs when an election is not active.

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That the selection and governing of the AAC First-Generation Student Collective Board Senator and Associate Senator positions will be supported by and maintained through the Academic Advancement Center Administration; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That a copy of this legislation be forwarded to Joyce McConnell, Colorado State University President; and Dr. Blanche Hughes, Vice President for Student Affairs; Hannah Taylor, President, ASCSU; Jessica Dyrdaahl, Advisor, ASCSU; Jessi Sholts, Advisor, ASCSU;

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