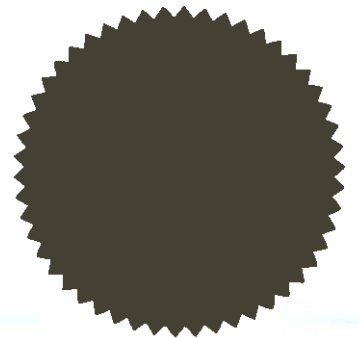


**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**FIFTIETH SENATE**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> SESSION**  
**5 MAY 2021**



**BILL #5027**

**Formation of ASCSU Social Justice Book Library**

**DISCLAIMER:** A signature to sponsor is not the same as supporting the content of any piece of legislation, it is simply a statement asking for the legislation to be heard.

**SPONSORED BY:**

**WRITTEN BY:** Brandon Lowry, Senator, Pride Resource Center; Merry Gebretsadik, Vice President-Elect, ASCSU; Taylor Millson, Director of Campus Engagement, ASCSU

**COLLABORATED WITH:**

**ENDORSED BY:** Ariadne Athey, Vice-Chair, Internal Affairs Committee; Jaquieyah Fields, Senator, Women and Gender Advocacy Center; Emely Cruz Arrazola, Associate Senator, El Centro; Lizzy Osterhoudt, Chair, Budgetary Affairs Committee; Benton Roesler, Chair, University Affairs Committee; Cindy Trinh, Senator, Pride Resource Center; ASCSU Budgetary Affairs Committee; Shaylee Richardson, Associate Senator, Pride Resource Center; Evan Welch, Senator, College of Liberal Arts;

**ABSTRACT:** This bill seeks to allocate \$2,500 of the ASCSU General Discretionary Fund, \$500 of the ASCSU Office of Diversity and Inclusion Budget, and \$500 of the Office of Campus Engagement Budget for the purchasing of 50 books (5 unique titles, 10 copies of each) to be used in the formation of an ASCSU Social Justice Book Library. The 5 books will be the works of authors who identify from within the BIPOC community.

**WHEREAS**

Social Justice Education, especially that which is self-initiated and self-directed, is integral to the *work* often referenced in areas where Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion are being challenged; and,

**WHEREAS**

This type of education often includes the use of books, essays, or journals, as well as workshops and trainings, all of which are often accompanied by inaccessible pricing; and,

**WHEREAS**

ASCSU currently has the unique ability, as well as a longstanding and clearly outlined responsibility, to provide its members with access to the materials and resources necessary to adequately and effectively advocate for their respective constituencies; so

**THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ENACTED**

The Senate agrees to vote on and select 5 social justice themed books to be purchased (10 copies of each title) through the CSU bookstore; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED**

The books listed on the initial ballot will be titles included in Major and Minor courses within the B.A. Ethnic Studies degree program, currently housed within the CSU Department of Ethnic Studies, and which are found in the following clusters: African American, Asian American/Pacific Islander, Chicana-Latina, Native American, and Global Ethnic Studies; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED**

That the ASCSU Advisors and ASCSU Front Desk maintain the storage and logistics of renting books for the first two years of the program; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED**

That \$100 from the ASCSU General Discretionary Fund be allocated to an Accessibility fund, that will be represented as a line item until May 30, 2023, that ensures participants who require accessibility services are able to participate; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED**

That \$100 from the Office of the Campus Engagement be allocated to an Accessibility fund, that will be represented as a line item until May 30, 2023, that ensures participants who require accessibility services are able to participate; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED**

That \$100 from the Office of Diversity and Inclusion be allocated to an Accessibility fund, that will be represented as a line item until May 30, 2023, that ensures participants who require accessibility services are able to participate; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED**

That the Accessibility Fund will provide students with accessible versions of any of the available book titles, including but not limited to: audiobooks, large-print versions, Braille versions, translated copies, etc; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED**

That \$400 of the ASCSU General Discretionary Fund be allocated for the purchase of the Book collection; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED**

That \$400 from the Office of Campus Engagement Budget be allocated for the purchase of the Book collection; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED**

That \$400 of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion be allocated for the purchase of the Book collection; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED**

That \$2,000 of the ASCSU General Discretionary Fund be held as line item, to be used for additional book purchases, until May 30th, 2023; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED**

That any funds not used for the initial book purchase be added to the \$300 Accessibility Fund, increasing the funds available for audiobook purchases by no more than the remaining balance; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED**

That any remaining funds in the Accessibility Fund on May 30th, 2023 be returned to the ASCSU General Fund; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED**

That the ASCSU Director of Diversity and Inclusion will be partly responsible for internally promoting the use of the Book Library; and,

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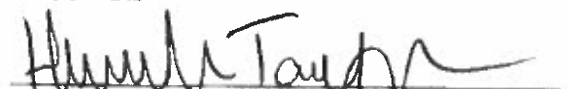
That the ASCSU Diversity and Inclusion Caucus will be partly responsible for internally promoting the use of the Book Library; and,

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; Tony Frank, Chancellor; Hannah Taylor, ASCSU President; Noah Schindler, ASCSU Vice President;

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PRESIDENT HANNAH TAYLOR

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