

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
FORTY-NINTH SENATE
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**RESOLUTION #4910
STUDENT PARENT ABSENCE**

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ABSTRACT: This resolution aims to afford student parents excused absences during planned and unplanned closures related to the student parents' children's school district.

WHEREAS

When surrounding school district closures do not match Colorado State University school closures, student parents are disproportionately affected and,

WHEREAS

Many popular childcare options such as BASE Camp, Boys & Girls Club of Larimer County, and surrounding private preschools follow Poudre School District unplanned closures. Thus, making it difficult to find childcare and,

WHEREAS

Planned and unplanned school closures such as student parent conferences and snow days do not allow student parents ample time to find backup childcare options and,

WHEREAS

Unplanned closures cause significant strain on student parents because they do not have ample time to contact professors about missing class and making up missed classwork due to caring for their children and,

WHEREAS

Student parents have the responsibility to care for their children when their children cannot be at school or a childcare facility because they are ill and,

WHEREAS

According to CSU Academic Integrity Policy and Student Conduct Code, absences are excused for intercollegiate athletics, collegiate club sports and competitions, conferences and workshops related to CSU not related to academics, professional activities recognized by CSU related to academics and,

WHEREAS

Student parents have higher GPAs than other student demographics and,

WHEREAS

There is a 52% drop out rate in student parents compared to 32% drop out rate in non-student-parents and,

WHEREAS

Childcare is the number one factor in student-parent drop-out rate and,

WHEREAS

57% of student parents are classified as low income and half of this group work full time while attending college and,

WHEREAS

More student parents disproportionately hold non-traditional student identities and,

WHEREAS

On average student, parents earn higher grade point averages yet there is a 20% higher drop-out rate in student parents compared to non-student-parents and,

WHEREAS

Colorado State University has an opportunity to pioneer equitable accessibility for student parents, not only altering the future of student parents but also their children and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED

That CSU adjust the Academic Integrity Policy and Student Conduct Code to give student parents the same excused absences during planned and unplanned closures in surrounding school districts as other exceptions are written into the Academic Integrity Policy and Student Conduct Code; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED

That student parents are given the opportunity to make up classwork missed due to planned and unplanned closures in surrounding school districts or caring for sick children that cannot attend a school or a childcare facility, as defined by school policy and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED

That CSU faculty account for unplanned surrounding school district closures and consider how it affects student parents' abilities to attend class and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED

That a copy of this legislation be forwarded to

President Joyce McConnell, Colorado State University, Dr. Jody Donovan, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs & Dean of Students, Dr. John Henderson, Assistant Dean of Students/Director of Parent and Family Programs; Dr. Rick Miranda, Provost; Dr. Kelly Long, Assistant Provost; James Pritchett, Interim Dean of College of Agricultural Sciences; Dr. Pat Burns, Dean of Libraries; Dr. Tim Gallagher, Chair of Faculty Council; Dr. Ben Withers, Dean of College of Liberal Arts; Mary Stromberger, Dean of Graduate School; Dr. Beth Walker, Dean of College of Business; Jan Nerger, Dean of College of Natural Sciences; Dr. John Hayes, Dean of Warner College of Natural Resources; Dr. Mark Stetter, College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences; Dr. David McLean, Dean of Walter Scott, Jr. College of Engineering Ben Amundson, ASCSU President; Melissa Quesada, ASCSU Chief of Staff; Claire Fenton, Chief Justice of the ASCSU Supreme Court; Ryan Ashburn, Director of Academics; Melissa Emerson, Director of the Student Resolution Center; Sienna Sasselli, Parliamentarian of ASCSU

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