

RESOLUTION 5406 – AMENDING THE RESOLUTION CONDEMNING BLACKFACE TO MORE ACCURATELY REFLECT THE MEDIA’S INVOLVEMENT



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COLLABORATED WITH:

SPONSORED BY: Legislative Cabinet;

ENDORSED BY:

ABSTRACT: This resolution aims to make a correction to edits made in committee by the author of this bill that were not vetted through due process as a result of an oversight on the part of Legislative Cabinet.

WHEREAS,

On the week of October 21st, a version of Resolution #5405 – Formal Condemnation of Blackface at Colorado State University was sent in the ASCSU weekly email to constituents and colleagues alike, and;

WHEREAS,

From October 21st to October 23rd, that piece of legislation went through two out of three of the committees it was sent to and was discharged, and;

WHEREAS,

Due to a clerical miscommunication, the edits from Internal Affairs were not seen in DEI Affairs committee, and;

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WHEREAS,

DEI Affairs Committee did not have the most updated version of the edits, and even so, neither did the general public, including stakeholders who could have provided more insight, and;

WHEREAS,

The following edits were made in Internal Affairs Committee:

“WHEREAS,

The Rocky Mountain Student Media Corporation reported “breaking news” of Lambda Chi’s banner before speaking with both parties or doing an investigation; and,

WHEREAS,

Harm could have been mitigated but instead was amplified to harm more than the individuals who initially encountered the banner to harm hundreds if not thousands of students; and,

WHEREAS,

Due to the unethical journalism exhibited by The Rocky Mountain Student Media Corporation, every party heretofore mentioned was harmed; and,”

WHEREAS,

Because the legislative cabinet placed this item on the agenda before it was released from committee and without having all the edits made publicly, stakeholders within the Rocky Mountain Student Media Corporation were not able to have an input on these claims during its final read and passage. While the edits were read out loud and in full, thus addressing disability access needs, it did not meet accessibility requirements regard access to an overall democratic process, and;

WHEREAS,

Since that final read and passage, information has been presented that proved that Rocky Mountain Student Media Corporation did in fact do their due diligence in ethical reporting, and;

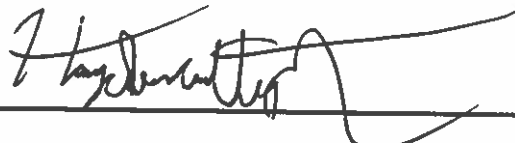
WHEREAS,

It is still a worthy conversation to have about what role the media played in amplifying harm, to keep these statements in Resolution 5405 is unethical and does harm in and of itself; **so,**

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED

That the senate reaffirms their commitment to ASCSU Constitution, particularly section 106, and;

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ASCSU SPEAKER OF THE SENATE HAYDEN TAYLOR 1/23/2025
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ASCSU PRESIDENT NICK DESALVO DATE

RESOURCES:

Use this section to place any relevant citations and/or resources used in the producing of this legislation.

THAT THIS LEGISLATION SHALL BE FORWARDED TO:

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- Blanche Hughes, Vice President for Student Affairs of Colorado State University
- Evan Welch, Talent Development Specialist, ASCSU Advisor
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