

RESOLUTION 5433 – ENDORSING THE FORMATION OF A COLORADO HIGHER  
EDUCATION MUTUAL ACADEMIC DEFENSE COMPACT



THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

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29<sup>th</sup> SESSION OF THE FIFTY-FOURTH SENATE

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Resolution #5433

**Endorsing the Formation of a Colorado Higher Education Mutual Academic Defense Compact**

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**NOTICE:** *A signature to sponsor means that you only wish for the legislation to be heard, a signature to endorse means that you support the contents and/or actions of this legislation.*

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**ABSTRACT:** *This resolution aims to demonstrate ASCSU's support, endorsement, and commitment for and to the CSU Faculty Senate's resolution calling for various aspects of academia to be respected and a coalition of Colorado higher-education institutions to be formed to advocate for these protections.*

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WHEREAS,

The recent attacks on academic freedom have created an atmosphere of fear and high uncertainty within many institutions of higher education, and Colorado State University is no exception; and,

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There have been several protests on campus where students, staff, faculty, and community members have demanded the protections of academic freedom, protection of DEI, and many other important programs, support systems, and values; and,

WHEREAS,

At several different institutions, faculty and student governments have passed resolutions calling for mutual defense of academic freedoms and an increase in collaboration between all the higher education institutions in every state and the entire country; and,

WHEREAS,

Increasing collaboration between the different forms of governments on CSU's campus can help strengthen the position of all the groups and form a united front; and,

WHEREAS,

On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, President Amy Parsons signed a statement<sup>1</sup> from the American Association of Colleges and Universities titled "A Call for Constructive Engagement" which called for protections of the pillars of academic freedom. At the time of this presentation, the letter has been signed by 568 current leaders of colleges, universities, and scholarly societies; and,

WHEREAS,

The CSU Faculty Council's resolution<sup>2</sup> calls for many of the same principles that ASCSU has called and fought for; *so*,

**THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**

That the 54<sup>th</sup> Senate of the Associated Students of Colorado State University supports the CSU Faculty Council resolution calling for the defense of academic freedom and creating a coalition of Colorado higher education institutions to fight for these freedoms and calls on the CSU System Board of Governors to support these initiatives; and,

**THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED**

That ASCSU adopts the same messaging from the CSU Faculty Council resolution and will work with the CSU Faculty Council to accomplish the initiatives set out in the resolution; and,

**THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED**

That the 54<sup>th</sup> Senate of the Associated Students of Colorado State University also calls for an increase in collaboration between ASCSU and the CSU Faculty Council to help fight for academic freedom on CSU's campus as well as many other issues that impact both bodies; and,

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That authors of this legislation will collaborate with the Parliamentarian to amend the resources and forwarding list and clauses to add recipients and resources without removing any prior listed recipients or resources; and,

**THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED**

That a copy of this legislation be forwarded to John Fischer, Chair, CSU System Board of Governors; Nathaniel Easley Jr., Vice Chair, CSU System Board of Governors; Kenzo Kawanabe, Treasurer, CSU System Board of Governors; Elizabeth Markey, Secretary, CSU System Board of Governors; Polly Baca, Voting Member, CSU System Board of Governors; Ray Baker, Voting Member, CSU System Board of Governors; Dominic Disanti, Voting Member, CSU System Board of Governors; Kim Jordan, Voting Member, CSU System Board of Governors; Louis Martin, Voting Member, CSU System Board of Governors; Jennifer Martin, Faculty Representative, CSU, CSU System Board of Governors; Jon Pluskota, Faculty Representative, CSU Pueblo, CSU System Board of Governors; Anthony Pellegrini, Faculty Representative, CSU Global, CSU System Board of Governors; Nicholas DeSalvo, Student Representative, CSU, CSU System Board of Governors; Alondra Solis Ayala, Student Representative, CSU Pueblo, CSU System Board of Governors; Nickolas Angiocchi, Student Representative, CSU Global, CSU System Board of Governors; Amy Parsons, President, Colorado State University; Tony Frank, Chancellor, CSU System; Blanche Hughes, Vice President of Student Affairs, Colorado State University; Marion Underwood, Provost and Executive Vice President, Colorado State University; Kauline Cipriani, Vice President for Inclusive Excellence, Colorado State University; Kevin MacLennan, Vice President for Enrollment and Access, Colorado State University; Rick Miranda, Senior Vice President, Colorado State University; Cassandra Moseley, Vice President for Research, Colorado State University; James Pritchett, Vice President for Engagement and Extension, Colorado State University; Melinda Smith, Chair, CSU Faculty Council, Professor, Department of Biology; Joseph DiVerdi, Vice Chair, CSU Faculty Council, Professor, Department of Chemistry; Mary Van Buren, President, American Association of University Professors-CSU Fort Collins, Professor, Department of Anthropology and Geography; Gretchen Steidley, Vice President for Non-Tenure Track Faculty, American Association of University Professors-CSU Fort Collins, Associate Professor, Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures; Dimitris Stevis, Treasurer, American Association of University Professors-CSU Fort Collins, Professor, Department of Political Science; Anders Fremstad, Secretary, American Association of University Professors-CSU Fort Collins, Associate Professor, Department of Economics; Ben Schrader, ASCSU Advisor; Jason Huitt, ASCSU Advisor; Elisa Randazzo, ASCSU Administrative Assistant; Braxton Dietz, Vice President, Associated Students of Colorado State University; Jakye Nunley, President-Elect, Associated Students of Colorado State University, Chief of Staff, Associated Students of Colorado State University; Joseph Godshall, Vice President-Elect, Associated Students of Colorado State University, Director of Public Relations, Associated Students of Colorado State University; Hayden Taylor, Speaker of the Senate, Associated Students of Colorado State University; Brookelyn Reese, Speaker of the Senate-Elect, Associated Students of Colorado State University, Speaker Pro Tempore of the Associated Students of Colorado State University;

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PASSAGE AND ENACTMENT OF RESOLUTION 5433  
SESSION OF PASSAGE

29<sup>th</sup> Session of the 54<sup>th</sup> Senate

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Yays      –      Nays      –      Abstentions

Passed with unanimous consent

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ASCSU SPEAKER OF THE SENATE HAYDEN TAYLOR

DATE

*Nicholas DeSalvo*

*5/5/25*

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ASCSU PRESIDENT NICK DESALVO

DATE

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RESOURCES:

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<sup>1</sup> Copy of the “A Call for Constructive Engagement” Statement from the American Association of Colleges and Universities:

“As leaders of America’s colleges, universities, and scholarly societies, we speak with one voice against the unprecedented government overreach and political interference now endangering American higher education. We are open to constructive reform and do not oppose legitimate government oversight. However, we must oppose undue government intrusion in the lives of those who learn, live, and work on our campuses. We will always seek effective and fair financial practices, but we must reject the coercive use of public research funding.

America’s system of higher learning is as varied as the goals and dreams of the students it serves. It includes research universities and community colleges; comprehensive universities and liberal arts colleges; public institutions and private ones; freestanding and multi-site campuses. Some institutions are designed for all students, and others are dedicated to serving particular groups. Yet, American institutions of higher learning have in common the essential freedom to determine, on academic grounds, whom to admit and what is taught, how, and by whom. Our colleges and universities share a commitment to serve as centers of open inquiry where, in their pursuit of truth, faculty, students, and staff are free to exchange ideas and opinions across a full range of viewpoints without fear of retribution, censorship, or deportation.

Because of these freedoms, American institutions of higher learning are essential to American prosperity and serve as productive partners with government in promoting the common good. Colleges and universities are engines of opportunity and mobility, anchor institutions that contribute to economic and cultural vitality regionally and in our local communities. They foster creativity and innovation, provide human resources to meet the fast-changing demands of our dynamic workforce, and are themselves major employers. They nurture the scholarly pursuits that ensure America’s leadership in research, and many provide healthcare and other essential services. Most fundamentally, America’s colleges and universities prepare an educated citizenry to sustain our democracy.

The price of abridging the defining freedoms of American higher education will be paid by our students and our society. On behalf of our current and future students, and all who work at and benefit from our institutions, we call for constructive engagement that improves our institutions and serves our republic.”

<sup>2</sup> Copy of the Faculty Council resolution:

“Resolution to Establish a Mutual Defense Compact for Colorado Institutions of Higher Education to Defend Academic Freedom, Institutional Integrity, and the Research Enterprise<sup>1</sup>

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Whereas, politically motivated actions by federal bodies pose a significant threat to the foundational principles of American higher education, including the protection of free speech, the autonomy of university governance, and the integrity of scientific research;

Whereas, the Trump administration and aligned political actors have targeted individual institutions with legal, financial, and political sanctions designed to undermine their public mission, silence dissenting voices, and/or exert improper control over academic inquiry;

Whereas, the preservation of one institution’s integrity is the concern of all, and an infringement against one Colorado institution of higher education shall be considered an infringement against all;

Be it resolved that, the Faculty Council of Colorado State University urges the President and Board of Governors of Colorado State University as well as the Chancellor of the Colorado State University System to formally propose and help establish a Mutual Academic Defense Compact (MADC) among all Colorado institutions of higher education, including the Community College System as well as regional partners;

Be it further resolved that, under this compact, all participating institutions shall commit meaningful funding to a shared or distributed defense fund. This fund shall be used to provide immediate and strategic support to any member institution under direct political or legal attack;

Be it further resolved that, participating institutions shall make available, at the request of the institution under direct political infringement, the services of their legal counsel, governance experts, and public affairs offices to coordinate a unified and vigorous response, including but not limited to: Legal representation and countersuit actions; strategic public communication; amicus briefs and expert testimony; legislative advocacy and coalition-building; related topical research as needed.

Be it finally resolved that, this resolution be transmitted to the leadership of all Colorado institutions of higher education and their respective governing boards and shared governance bodies, and that the Chancellor of the Colorado State University System take a leading role in convening a summit of the legal leadership of Colorado institutions of higher education to initiate the implementation of this Compact.

<sup>1</sup>This document is based on the resolution recently passed by the faculty senates of Rutgers University, Michigan State University, Indiana University, University of Nebraska Lincoln, and other members of the “Big Ten.””

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**THAT THIS LEGISLATION SHALL BE FORWARDED TO:**

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