

## Agenda

- I. Call to Order — 6:46 pm in-person and online via Zoom
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Land Acknowledgment
- IV. Swearing-In of new Senator and Associates
  - 3 new members sworn-in
- V. Beginning Roll Call — Clerk took attendance on a separate spreadsheet
- VI. Consent Agenda
  - Motion to add the Ratification of SFRB Member after Gallery Input — PASSED
- VII. Gallery Input
  - Peer Mentor at the Pride Resource Center but here as a student: In support of the Lavender Cabinet Bill. Read a letter emphasizing the importance of accessibility to gender-affirming care to university students. The Lavender Cabinet provides critical, life-saving resources to students and ASCSU's support of the cabinet is a valuable commitment.
  - First year student: When touring CSU, seeing the Lavender Cabinet was an indicator that CSU cares about all its students. Is in full support of the Lavender Cabinet Bill.
  - Senator at the Pride Resource Center but here as a student: The Lavender Cabinet provides access to essential self-care items to all university students, not only those who identify as LGBTQ+.

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- Social Worker at the Pride Resource Center but here as a student: It has been found that individuals who identify as LGBTQ+ are at a higher risk of depression and anxiety. The Lavender Cabinet has shown an increase in students' feelings of belongingness as well as a decrease in loneliness, depression, and suicide attempts. The Cabinet's funds are completely depleted due to the demand for self-care items and gender-affirming care so the passage of this bill is vital.

VIII. Ratification of SFRB Member

- Candidate: Chip Wilson
- Q&A
  - Based on attending past meetings, the candidate feels confident about joining SFRB.
- Discussion and Debate
  - Candidate has attended multiple SFRB meetings and appears qualified to join SFRB.
- Candidate ratified with unanimous consent.

IX. Guest Speaker – Rocky Mountain Student Media Corporation

- Most RMSMC Organization Presentations can be accessed [here](#)
- Rocky Mountain Student Media Corporation (RMSMC) is a Colorado-based, not-for-profit corporation also recognized as a 510C3 Nonprofit. RMSMC takes student-led leadership to the highest level with 11 students on its Board of Directors and students having the ability to make final decisions.



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- RMSMC includes: The Rocky Mountain Collegian, KCSU 90.5 FM Radio Station, Collegian TV, College Avenue Magazine, Tree Stump Films, CSU Life, and 2 Video Production Units (Fifty03' Visuals and Tree Stump Films).
  - Handles a budget of \$1.4 million with around 55% of the budget coming from student fees meaning they need to bring in a substantial amount on their own. They do this by providing a wide range of services and advertising outlets to the CSU community and affiliated organizations.
    - Comparing RMSMC's funding to other Colorado-based universities that have student media programs shows that they are at the lower end of funding that is from student fees or the school directly.
    - They have 300 student employees who are all paid employees and are one of the largest student media companies in the nation.
  - RMSMC has a contract with ASCSU that provides various benefits to ASCSU including livestreaming the State of the Association Address, hosting Election Debates, and holding 2 Board of Director positions for ASCSU members.
  - RMSMC thoroughly appreciates the support it receives from ASCSU. Student media organizations are laboratories for the future of journalism, cultivating the next generation of media professionals, and fostering democracy.

X. Executive Reports

- Director of Public Relations Joseph Godshall on behalf of Director of Governmental Affairs Ava Wilkins

- Day at the Capitol this past Monday was a success with 60 students attending, hoping to have more events like this in the future.
- One of the bills Governmental Affairs has been tracking for rent transparency has passed the House and will be heard in the Senate.
- Deputy Director of Environmental Affairs Sofia Hiller
  - Sustainability Community Roundtable on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 – 7:30 pm in Long’s Peak Room in LSC
    - Sustainability leaders from CSU and Fort Collins will be able to have an open conversation with students during a casual dinner.
- Director of Basic Needs Jorja Whyte
  - Expressed gratitude for the Senate.
  - Pot-a-Plant Day on April 16<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm in the LSC Plaza
    - Students will discuss cannabis harm reduction, social justice, equity, education, and plant a succulent.
  - The Department of Basic Needs is in full support of the Lavender Cabinet Bill, access to gender affirming care is a basic need that is just as essential as food, housing, and mental health services.

#### XI. Judicial Reports

- Chief Justice Morgan Wright
  - Delivered Court Opinion for ASCSU Supreme Court Case No. 5402



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- The ASCSU Supreme Court determined the following:
    - 1. In a 6-0-1 vote, the Court has determined that a “week” as cited in Article XI, Section 1101, Subsection E of the ASCSU Constitution, is not defined. However, the Constitution occasionally specifies time periods in hours instead of days or weeks. Therefore, the Court concludes that the use of the word week in lieu of the corresponding amount of hours was intentional. It follows that Article XI, Section 1101, Subsection E is not referring to a specific amount of hours but rather simply any time on the 7th day following the initial presentation of the bill.
    - 2. Article I, Section 106, Subsection A, Part (i) states, “The speaker of the Land Acknowledgement will be designated 48 hours in advance by the Chair of the meeting.” Conversely, Article XI, Section 1101, Subsection E of the ASCSU Constitution states, “The first vote shall take place no sooner than one week after the initial presentation of the bill.” Because the Constitution occasionally specifies time periods in hours instead of days or weeks, the Court concludes that these differences are intentional. Therefore, the Court cannot further define “week” or “day” in terms of hours.

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- 3. In a 4-1-2 vote, the Court has determined that the Constitution does not provide a definition of “day.” Because of the differences in verbiage as regards to the use of hours as opposed to days or weeks, a definition cannot be applied to the entirety of the Constitution.
  - Associate Justice Daniel Scott Perez
    - Delivered Dissenting Opinion
    - Associate Justice Scott Perez’s full Opinion will be made available soon

## XII. Legislative Reports

- Officer Reports
  - Speaker Taylor
    - The Day at the Capitol was a great opportunity, recommend members attending in the future if possible.
    - Had a meeting with Legislative Cabinet to address communication issues.
    - Next week is Spring Break so there will be no Senate. If you want to get in touch with Speaker Taylor, reach out via email or Microsoft Teams.
  - Parliamentarian Kamberg
    - There is a check out form clipboard for the Bill Book.

- Apologized for some of the breakdowns in communication.
- Put up two QR codes on the Speaker's Office, one is to leave feedback, and the other is to set up a meeting time.
- Reiterated that the Conflict Resolution Center is a resource at CSU and will be coming as a guest speaker.
- After Spring Break there will be more constitutional changes
  - Improving constitutional layout
  - IT will help with tech issues.
- Making legislation to modify the bill numbering system.
- Speaker Pro-Tempore Reese
  - Onboarding for new members.
  - Make sure to attend Senate and Committees or you will receive strikes.
  - Strike emails will be sent out on Thursdays, 8:00 am.
- Committee and Caucus Reports
  - Internal Affairs Committee — Chair Lutz
    - Internal Affairs had no legislation to see.
    - The Constitutional Subcommittee will meet tomorrow 4:00 – 5:00 pm.

- The Internal Affairs Committee Chairs have legislation to write regarding the Court's most recent opinion.
- Accessibility Caucus — Chair Snyder
  - Door buttons and ADA compliant projects with CSU Facilities will be discussed at Caucus this week.
  - Meet Fridays, 4:00 – 5:00 pm
- Budgetary Affairs Committee — Chair McGlothlin
  - Reviewed and discharged LEX #5416 with one spelling edit.
  - The Committee will likely start making a plan to educate Senate on how the ASCSU budget proposal process works.
- Housing Caucus — Chair Davis
  - Having discussions with a student from the Center for Public Deliberation and an active Caucus member who is doing a senior project formatted similarly to a community roundtable on housing.
  - Spoke about taking specific stances regarding housing policies, a form has been sent out in the Teams.
- Women's and Social Justice Caucus
  - There was no Caucus on Monday because Day at the Capitol.
  - The Social Justice Library is starting its book drive, please donate if you can.

- Sexual and reproductive health kits are in the works.
- Senator and Associate Senator Reports
  - Pride Resource Center — Senator Greene
    - Soleil, one of Pride’s Pro-Staff members is leaving and having a going away party on March 25<sup>th</sup> in LSC Room 226.
    - The Lavender Award Ceremony for graduates is May 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Lory Student Center Theatre.
      - Grads must RSVP by April 28<sup>th</sup>
    - Y2K Drag Show is April 6<sup>th</sup>
    - If you are interested in tea parties and similar events, contact Senator Greene.
  - El Centro — Senator Yoseline Riveria
    - Career Coaching Workshops
      - Navigating Post-Graduation Stress on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 – 6:00 pm in the Pride Resource Center
      - How to Start Your Business on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 – 5:00 pm in El Centro
    - The deadline for receiving a stole is April 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - SAFE Center — Chair Davis

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- For Spring Break, the SAFE Center in the LSC will be closed but their office in Student Services will be open. The Victim Assistance Team Hotline is available 24/7/365.
  - March is Women’s History Month
    - Bread and Roses Events — a lunch and learn series
      - Tomorrow, 12:00 – 1:00 pm in LSC Room 310
    - Paint the Night Bright
      - Tomorrow, 4:00 – 6:00 pm in LSC Theatre
    - The SAFE Center has brought back their podcast
      - It is called “Solidarity Is All We Have”
      - Available to listen on KCSU’s website
  - New stickers are available in the office.
  - Hiring applications are open on Handshake.
  - Student Disability Center — Senator Luna
    - The SDC has a new Instagram post regarding disability advocacy, please share it if you can.

**Confidence Business**

XIII. Vote of Confidence

- Elections Manager Garrett Lopez
  - Thanked Vice-Chair Davis.

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- The candidacy application closes on Friday, 5:00 pm
    - If any more applicants for Speaker of the Senate apply after today, they will come to the next Senate.
    - The full candidates list will be posted this coming Friday.
  - Candidate: BrookeLyn Reese
    - Brief introduction
    - Q&A
      - Intends to create an inclusive space by creating more information and autonomy for Senators as they go through the onboarding process. More outreach is essential with College Councils and Cultural Resource Centers.
      - Taking the collective's opinions into consideration is vital and believes a Senator is the most powerful position in ASCSU.
      - Answered various questions related to Senate committees and procedures.
      - Outreach and collaborating with Legislative Cabinet, Executive, and her predecessors if she received the role would be critical resources. Focused on empowering Senators and their autonomy.
      - Feels equipped to handle the Speaker of the Senate role. Believes oversight and investing interest in Legislative is important.

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- Discussion and Debate
    - The Senate was impressed by Speaker Pro-Tempore Reese's attention to detail, experience, and responses. Many members have full confidence in her.
    - The candidate has passed the vote of confidence and will be featured on the ballot.

XIV. Old Business

- Bill #5411 – Funding the Lavender Cabinet
  - Final reading
  - Author accepted edits from Budgetary Affairs Committee
  - Bill passed with unanimous consent

XV. New Business

- Bill #5412 - El Centro SOMOS Latinx/é Graduation
  - Abstract: *“This bill proposes allocating \$4,978.80 from the Senate Discretionary Budget to support graduation ceremonies for various cultural and academic centers at Colorado State University and the Academic Advancement Center. Specifically, \$2,478.80 will be allocated to El Centro to cover the cost of securing the LSC ballroom, along with necessary equipment and production expenses for the SOMOS graduation ceremony. Additionally, \$2,500 will be distributed between*

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*the Pride Center (\$1,000) and the Academic Advancement Center (AAC) (\$1,500) to support their graduation ceremonies.”*

- Floor edits were made to the Bill title, second whereas clause, and wording.
- Will be sent to Budgetary Affairs Committee, Internal Affairs Committee, and DEI Affairs Committee.
- Resolution #5411 - Calling Upon the University Policy Office to Sign the CRFW Letter of Intent, Making CSU a Recovery Friendly Workplace
  - Abstract: *“This resolution calls upon the University Policy Office to sign the Letter of Intent provided by the Colorado Recovery Friendly Workplace Initiative, thereby committing Colorado State University (CSU) to fostering an inclusive, supportive, and stigma-free work environment for employees in recovery or affected by substance use challenges. By taking this step, CSU will align itself with evidence-based best practices that enhance workplace well-being, retention, and productivity while setting an example for students and the broader community.”*
  - Will be sent to University Affairs Committee and Internal Affairs Committee.
- Lex #5418 – Budget Sunshine Act

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- Abstract: *“This lex amends the ASCSU Constitution, Senate Bylaws, and Executive Job Descriptions to improve the visibility of ASCSU finances and increase public awareness and input during the budget development process.”*
  - Will be sent to Budgetary Affairs Committee and DEI Committee

XVI. Ending Roll Call — Clerk used beginning roll call as ending roll call

XVII. Adjournment — 9:41 pm