

LEX 5521 – EDITING THE ELECTIONS TIMELINE



THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

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**LEX #5521**  
**Editing the Elections Timeline**

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**WRITTEN BY:** BrookeLyn M. Reese, ASCSU Speaker of the Senate;

**COLLABORATED WITH:**

**SPONSORED BY:** Jakye Nunley, ASCSU Student Body President; Melanie Brousseau, ASCSU Chief Justice; Jared McGlothlin, ASCSU Budgetary Affairs Committee Chair, Senator, Graduate Student Council;

**ENDORSED BY:** Emily Arnow, ASCSU Elections Manager; Hayden Taylor, Senator, College of Liberal Arts; Claire Pickerel, Senator, Warner College of Natural Resources; Annelise Dusterberg, Senator, College of Liberal Arts; Priscilla Pauda-Perez, Senator, College of Liberal Arts; Lauren Davis, ASCSU Director of Basic Needs; Claire Vandeventer, ASCSU Housing Caucus Chair; Sophie Nannemann, ASCSU Director of Finance; Jelicity Luna, ASCSU Director of Governmental Affairs; Victoria Quesada-Stoner, ASCSU Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee Chair, Senator, College of Natural Sciences; Fiona Miller, Senator, Asian Pacific American Cultural Center; Olivia Friske, Senator, Survivor Advocacy and Foundational Education Center;

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**ABSTRACT:** *This legislation aims to move all election activity into the weeks prior to the start of spring break to ensure ample time for ASCSU’s budget, hiring, and training processes.*

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WHEREAS (1),

The current ASCSU (Associated Students of Colorado State University) elections timeline is often strenuous and ineffective, forcing the hands of those involved to make quick and rash decisions that would not be necessary if the elections timeline were to be minutely adjusted for better efficiency; and,

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WHEREAS (2),

Scheduling the election period before spring break would free the latter half of the semester to be used more effectively for ASCSU’s annual budget, hiring, ratification, and training processes; and,

WHEREAS (3),

Revising the elections timeline would allow the Executive and Judicial hiring processes additional time to be completed during the spring semester, enabling positions across all three branches to be filled in a timely and coordinated manner, while reducing overlap that has historically resulted in undue confusion and position vacancies at the semester’s end; and,

WHEREAS (4),

This adjustment would address past inefficiencies and enhance stakeholder engagement in the budget-making process by providing sufficient time for the President-Elect’s budget proposal to move through the full Senate and committee process, rather than being expedited in the final weeks of the semester, thereby fostering full Senate participation, increased student engagement, and greater accessibility; and,

WHEREAS (5),

Adjusting the elections timeline would also make the elections process less arbitrary, establishing a clear start and end point that can be easily communicated to individual constituencies as well as to the broader student body; and,

WHEREAS (6),

Adjusting the elections timeline would help to end the prolonged tensions that have defined the spring semester’s pre-campaign and campaign period, fostering a healthier and more productive ASCSU culture during a time that has historically been characterized by unnecessary hostility; and,

WHEREAS (7),

Aligning the ASCSU election timeline with ASCSU’s other operational obligations would ensure a smoother and more intentional transfer of leadership, allowing incoming administrations to begin their terms prepared for success; **so,**

**THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ENACTED (1)**

That Article VIII, Section 801, Subsection A, of the ASCSU Constitution which currently states, “ASCSU shall conduct the general election of its President, Vice President, Speaker of the Senate, and Senators during the first three days of the third week after Spring Break,” be amended to state, “ASCSU shall conduct the general election of its President, Vice President, Speaker of the Senate, and Senators during the first three days of the week prior to Spring Break”; and,

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**THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED (2)**

That Article VIII, Section 801, Subsection B be added to the ASCSU Constitution to state, “The ASCSU Elections Code shall establish the annual elections timeline, including the Application Period beginning the week of the start of the spring semester, the Campaign Period concluding prior to Spring Break, and the Election occurring and concluding during the week immediately preceding Spring Break”; and,

**THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED (3)**

That Article VIII, Section 802, Subsection H, of the ASCSU Constitution, which currently states, “All Candidates for Speaker of the Senate must be presented by the Elections Manager for the Vote of Confidence to the Senate in an official and regularly scheduled Senate Session up to three weeks before the start of campaigning. All write-in candidates must receive the Vote of Confidence by the next regularly scheduled Senate Session, even if that session is after the voting period closes.” be amended to state, “All Candidates for Speaker of the Senate must be presented by the Elections Manager for the Vote of Confidence to the Senate in an official and regularly scheduled Senate session up to four weeks before the final day of the voting period. All write-in candidates must receive the Vote of Confidence by the next regularly scheduled Senate Session, even if that session is after the voting period closes.”; and,

**THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED (4)**

That Article II, Section 1, Subsubsection (e) of the ASCSU Referenda and Elections Code, which currently states, “Application Period: The period of time in which applications for candidacy for elected office are available. Applications for candidacy shall be available in the ASCSU Office no later than a month before applications close and are required to be sent to SDPS offices upon their initial release.” be amended to state, “Application Period: The period in which applications for candidacy for elected offices are available. The Application Period shall last three weeks, beginning the week of the start of the spring semester. Applications shall be available in the ASCSU Office no later than the first day of this period and must be sent to Cultural Resource Center offices and available college council contacts upon their initial release.”; and,

**THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED (5)**

That Article II, Section 1, Subsection (f) of the ASCSU Referenda and Elections Code, which currently states “Orientation Period: The period of time, occurring the two weeks immediately prior to the start of the official Campaigning Period, during which candidate orientation sessions shall be conducted by the Elections Committee and Manager,” be amended to state,

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“Orientation Period: This period of time shall begin at the discretion of the Elections Manager and end prior to the start of the Campaign Period, during which candidate orientation sessions shall be conducted by the Elections Committee and Manager”; and,

**THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED (6)**

That Article II, Section 1, Subsection (g), of the ASCSU Referenda and Elections Code, which currently states “Campaigning Period: This period shall begin at the discretion of the Elections Manager, with approval from their respective supervisor, and shall conclude at the end of the three-day Voting Period,” be amended to state,

“Campaigning Period: The Campaign Period shall begin at the discretion of the Elections Manager, with approval from their respective supervisor, and shall conclude at the end of the three-day Voting period, the Wednesday prior to the start of Spring Break”; and,

**THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED (7)**

That Article II, Section 1, Subsection (h), which currently states, “Voting Period: The period of time during which votes may be cast for candidates eligible to run for elected office. In the General Election, this period shall begin at 8:00 AM on Monday of the scheduled period and conclude on a day at the discretion of the Elections Manager no later than 4:00 PM.” be amended to state,

“Voting Period: The period of time during which votes may be cast for candidates eligible to run for elected office. In the General Election, this period shall begin at 8:00 a.m. on Monday of the week prior to Spring Break and shall conclude on that week’s Wednesday, at the discretion of the Elections Manager, no later than 4:00 p.m.”; and,

**THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED (8)**

That the ASCSU Senate Parliamentarian may have the jurisdiction to amend any of the aforementioned clauses regarding the ASCSU Referenda and Elections Code to align clerically with the most recently passed version of the ASCSU Referenda and Elections Code, as of this legislation's passage.

**THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED (9)**

That these amendments shall take effect at the beginning of the next general election cycle following passage.

**THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED (10)**

That a copy of this legislation be forwarded to Amy Parsons, President, CSU; Tony Frank, Chancellor, CSU System; Marrion Underwood, Provost and Executive Vice President, CSU; Blanche Hughes, Vice President for Student Affairs, CSU; Mike Ellis, Associate Vice President for

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Student Affairs, Executive Director, Lory Student Center; Pamela Norris, Associate Executive Director Engagement and Talent Development, Lory Student Center; Ben Schrader, Director, Adult Learner and Veteran Services, ASCSU Advisor; Evan Welch, Talent Development Specialist, CSU Talent Development, ASCSU Advisor; Duan Ruff, Director, Student Leadership Involvement and Community Engagement; Julia Pratt, Assistant Director for Student Government, Student Leadership, Involvement and Community Engagement; Farah Shah, ASCSU/SLICE Accountant, Student Leadership, Involvement and Community Engagement; Ali Raza, Assistant Director of Involvement, Student Leadership, Involvement and Community Engagement, ASCSU Advisor; Elisa Randazzo, ASCSU Administrative Assistant; Ag Council; College of Business Dean’s Student Leadership Council; College of Health and Human Sciences Dean’s Leadership Council; College of Liberal Arts Representative Council; College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences College Council; Natural Sciences College Council; Warner College Council; Lisa Chandler, Assistant Director, Adult Learner and Veteran Services; Kathleen Fairfax, Vice Provost, International Affairs, CSU; Chad Hoseth, Assistant Vice Provost, International Affairs, CSU; Greg Wymer, Director, International Student Scholars and Services; Mary Ann Lucero, Executive Director, Academic Advancement Center; Elizabeth Sink, Lead, Multifaith and Belief Initiatives; Gaurav Harshe, Interim Director, Asian Pacific American Cultural Center; John Miller IV, Director, Black/African American Cultural Center; Aaron Escobedo Garmon, Director, El Centro; Maggie Hendrickson, Executive Director, Cultural Resource Centers, Director, Pride Resource Center; Tyrone Smith, Director, Native American Cultural Center; Imani Lindberg, Interim Director, Survivor Advocacy & Foundational Education Center; Justin Dove, Director, Student Disability Center; Jakye Nunley, ASCSU Student Body President; Sophie Nannemann, ASCSU Director of Finance; Melanie Brousseau, ASCSU Chief Justice; BrookeLyn Reese, ASCSU Speaker of the Senate; Ellie Lutz, ASCSU Speaker Pro Tempore; Giovanni Falbo, ASCSU Parliamentarian; Jared McGlothlin, ASCSU Budgetary Affairs Committee Chair; Sarah Frances-Gilroy, ASCSU Internal Affairs Committee Chair; Yoseline Rivera, ASCSU University Affairs Committee Chair; Victoria Quesada Stoner, ASCSU Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Affairs Committee Chair; Emily Arnow, ASCSU Elections Manager; Celina Mora, ASCSU Elections Engagement Officer; Sydney Cure, Agriculture College Council President; Nataniel Richardson, College of Business Dean’s Student Leadership Council President; Emily Reese, College of Liberal Arts Representative Council President; Graham Kelly, College of Natural Sciences Council President; Emily Gasowski, College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences Council President; Ellie Lutz, Warner College Council President; Rocky Mountain Collegian, Rocky Mountain Student Media; Allie Siebel, Editor-In-Chief, The Rocky Mountain Collegian; Hannah Parcels, Content Managing Director, The Rocky Mountain Collegian; Claire Vogl, Executive Editor, The Rocky Mountain Collegian; Campus TV, Rocky Mountain Student Media; Amy Taylor, Senior Director, Accessibility Center;

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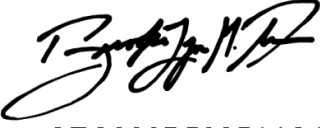
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ASCSU PRESIDENT JAKYE NUNLEY

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

**Amy Parsons**, President of CSU

**Tony Frank**, Chancellor of the CSU

**Marrion Underwood**, Provost and Executive Vice President of CSU

**Blanche Hughes**, Vice President for Student Affairs of CSU

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**College of Liberal Arts Representative Council**  
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**College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences College Council**  
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