

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
FORTY-FORTH SENATE
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**Bill #4405
Constitutional Amendment: The Diversity bill**

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ENDORSED BY:

WHEREAS

The purpose of our organization is to represent a student body comprised of a multitude of individuals and cultures, linked by our common denominators, yet distinguished by our unique experiences. The Associated Students of Colorado State University actively solicits and encourages all of its members, regardless of race, gender, national origin, sexual orientation, religion, differing ability, age and class, to participate fully in both its formal and informal activities. This shall include working to create a diverse reflection of the Colorado State student body in Senate and Cabinet positions, in appointments to committees, and in who is sought for direction on important issues. Furthermore, ASCSU is committed to working toward the removal of all barriers, which prevent members from pursuing their affiliation herein and in achieving the most complete educational experience possible. This commitment will be fulfilled by a continual re-examination of organizational structures for inclusiveness, by creating programs and services that provide education and support, and by speaking out and fighting against acts of discrimination on campus and within the Fort Collins community; and,

WHEREAS

The Forty-Third Senate passed the completion of efforts to increase the diversity of members to the Forty-Forth Senate. Members of the Forty-Third Senate sought to better represent the Diversity offices at CSU and passed a bill amending the Constitution and adding:

Section 217: Representatives shall also be appointed by the Centers of Student Diversity Programs and Services. These Representatives are members of Senate retaining rights of debate but not the right to vote. These Senators

shall be responsible to their constituents and shall seek advisement on a regular basis from the Directors of the cultural, advocacy, or resource center from which the Representative is appointed. These Representatives, however, are not bound by the advisement of their Directors. The term of office for these Representatives shall begin with their being sworn in at the following session of their appointment and will last until the new Senate is seated"; and,

WHEREAS

The Senate Leadership Taskforce, an AD-Hoc Committee established by the Vice President, met and discussed the organizational changes necessary to advancing the goals of the Forty Third Senate; so,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ENACTED

That ASCSU shall create a non-exclusive student-run organization, called the Students for Diversity Leadership Council. This council shall act similar to an academic college council, however with the focus on representing underrepresented groups on campus and addressing issues of diversity and inclusion on campus; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

This Council shall be chaired by a Member of ASCSU Executive department of Diversity and be advised by a Student Affairs Faculty member. This Chair, being a dually ratified executive member shall be responsible for the vitality and health of the council; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

This Council shall exist openly and democratically follow the most updated version of Robert's rules of order; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

All Senators and Associate Senators of Diversity appointments shall be made by this Council; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

These appointments shall have the same Job Descriptions as their Academic counterparts; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

These senators shall each hold a liaison position with one of the offices of The Student Diversity Program Services department of Student Affairs and the Adult Learner Veteran Services Office. They shall represent the students within, and communicate important ASCSU matters with the Director of said office; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

The Amount of appointments this council can make shall be either:

A number approximately equaling 40% of the total apportioned Academic Senator seats and 40% of the total apportioned Academic Associate Senators

or

A number equaling 2 senators and 4 associate senators per office of The Student Diversity Program Services department of Student Affairs and the Adult Learner Veteran Services Office; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That Section 217 of Article II of the Constitution of the Associated Students of Colorado State University be amended to read as:

“Senators of Diversity shall also be appointed by the Students for Diversity Council. These Senators of Diversity are members of Senate retaining rights of debate and the right to vote. These Senators shall be responsible to their constituents and shall meet on a regular basis with the members of the Students for Diversity Council and their corresponding liaison office of The Student Diversity Program Services department of Student Affairs and the Adult Learner Veteran Services Office. These Senators of Diversity, however, are not bound by the advisement of the council. The term of office for these Senators of Diversity shall begin with their being sworn in at the following session of their appointment and will last until the new Senate is seated”; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED:

That Section 307 be added to Article III of the Constitution of the Associated Students of Colorado State University:

The Department of Diversity shall permanently exist to ensure the promise of the preamble and demonstrate Colorado State University’s commitment to diversity and inclusion.

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