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Bill #4408

Constitutional Amendment: In Pursuit of Inclusive Excellence

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WHEREAS

The Preamble of the ASCSU Constitution states that:

“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 Guinn-Li-Puma administration has taken an active stance in fostering a more inclusive and welcoming Campus climate by formally recreating the Department of Diversity within in the ASCSU cabinet; and,

WHEREAS

The 43rd ASCSU Senate created the ASCSU Senate Representative position to ensure that voices previously not heard in the Senate Body would no longer go unheard; and,

WHEREAS

The Senate Representatives who have served the student body by aiding the ASCSU Senate have in fact brought additional voices to the conversation that were previously unheard; and,

WHEREAS

The capability of the ASCSU Senate Representative is limited in its current capacity as it is being restricted by the powers of the Ex-Officio membership status granted to them by the 43rd ASCSU Senate; and,

WHEREAS

Without a formal body for the ASCSU Senate Representatives they are unable to directly communicate with their constituents; and,

WHEREAS

There is not currently an open forum for the discussion of subjects such as diversity and inclusivity in ASCSU; so,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ENACTED

ASCSU will create an external public committee, open to all members of ASCSU, that will represent the CSU community on issues regarding inclusion and diversity on Campus. This committee will provide students a direct method for bringing legislation to the ASCSU Senate and starting initiatives through both the ASCSU Executive branch and the CSU administration pertaining directly to the climate of Campus; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

This committee shall be chaired by the ASCSU Director of Diversity and be advised by members of the Colorado State University Division of Student Affairs and Division of Diversity. This Chair shall be responsible for the vitality and health of the committee; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

Section 215 of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

“The Inclusive Excellence Committee will serve Colorado State University as an external committee centered around inclusion and diversity in accordance with its purpose. The committee shall be comprised of: the ASCSU Director of Diversity, who shall serve as chair; at least 2 ASCSU Senators; and all additional members shall be determined in accordance with the Inclusive Excellence Committee Bylaws.”; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

Section 216 of the Constitution be added to read as follows:

“The Inclusive Excellence Committee shall have the power to establish its own bylaws as the members deem necessary. Senate must vote to approve the Bylaws of the Inclusive Excellence Committee. If new Bylaws cannot be passed, the Inclusive Excellence Committee will operate under the last Bylaws approved by the ASCSU Senate. All changes to the Bylaws must be clearly presented to the ASCSU Senate; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

Those currently operating under the title of Representative will continue to serve in the same capacity detailed in Bill 4325 until Bylaws for the Inclusive Excellence Committee have been drafted and approved. .” and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

Section 217 of the Constitution be added to read as follows:

“The Inclusive Excellence Committee shall have the power to elect Representatives from the voting members of the Committee and such Representatives shall be the voice of the committee across Campus. These Representatives will hold the rights of debate within the ASCSU Senate, and will be subject to the duties defined by the Inclusive Excellence Committee Representative Job description. A voting member of the Inclusive Excellence Committee can become a Representative according to the Inclusive Excellence Committee bylaws and subsequently ratified by the ASCSU Senate. All other members of the Committee, voting and non-voting, may participate as a member of the gallery. ”; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

Section 305 of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

“The President shall appoint an Executive Cabinet including a Director of Finance who will oversee the financial workings of ASCSU and chair the Board for Student Organization Funding, one Controller who will oversee and maintain the ASCSU Executive budget, a Director of Marketing who will oversee all marketing and public relations efforts of ASCSU, *and a Director of Diversity who will oversee the Inclusive Excellence Committee.*”; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

The Inclusive Excellence Committee will formally draft their own bylaws to be ratified by the ASCSU Senate by the end of the spring 2015 academic semester; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That a copy of this legislation be forwarded to Tony Frank, CSU President; Mary Ontiveros, CSU Vice-President of Diversity; Blanche Hughes, CSU Vice-President of Student Affairs; Linda Ahuna-Hamill, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs; Samantha Guinn, President of ASCSU; Lance Li Puma, ASCSU Vice President.

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