

**THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY  
FORTY-FIRST SENATE  
TENTH SESSION  
OCTOBER 26, 2011**

**BILL #4110  
Requiring Senate Approval of ASCSU Budget Adjustments**

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**WHEREAS:** There is currently no method for the President of ASCSU to transfer funds between departments overtly written in the ASCSU Constitution; and,

**WHEREAS:** Executive “Line Item Discretion” over the budget is not explicitly referenced anywhere in the ASCSU Constitution; and,

**WHEREAS:** Senate approves the Executive Budget each year, taking into account the appropriate funds needed for each department to operate successfully; and,

**WHEREAS:** Changes to the Executive Budget without the Senate approval undermines the democratic process and is a power the President does not possess; and,

**WHEREAS:** Changes to the Executive Budget without Senate’s approval does not take into consideration student voice on campus; and,

**WHEREAS:** Senate approval of the Executive Budget is an important part of the checks and balances system that exists within the ASCSU Constitution.

**THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ENACTED**

That Article III, Section 302 of the ASCSU Constitution be amended to read:

“The President of ASCSU shall be the Chief Executive of the Associated Students and shall be responsible for carrying out the duties and responsibilities of that office as determined by this Constitution. The President shall sign all bills enacted by the Senate or shall return them to the Senate with the President’s veto within two regularly scheduled sessions of Senate of the passage of the bill. If the President does not sign or veto a bill enacted by the Senate within the previously stated time period, then the bill shall be considered vetoed. The

President shall act as the official ASCSU representative to the Board of Governors of the Colorado State University System. The President shall act as liaison to the Colorado State faculty and administration, the state legislature, the governor's office, and the Congress of the United States. The President shall prepare an executive budget, which shall be submitted to the Senate for deliberation and apportionment, with no more than 10.5% of total budgeted expenditures allocated for salaries, excluding the ASCSU Administrative Assistant and any non-ratified positions, as defined by Article 1, section 109. **During the course of the fiscal year the President may reallocate budgeted and unbudgeted funds, as s/he deems necessary. If the President decides to move funds between the departments that exist within ASCSU accounts, the change must be submitted to the Senate in the form of a Supplemental Funding Bill. The bill shall be written and presented by the ASCSU President and/or his/her designee. The Senate may vote to approve the reallocation of funds with a simple majority vote.** The President shall negotiate and act as signatory for all contractual agreements relating to ASCSU. Throughout negotiations, the President will keep the Senate updated on progress and will receive input from the Senate. The President will present to the Senate, for the purpose of discussion, any contract that they sign. The President shall coordinate and supervise the work of the Executive.”; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That a new Section be created, titled Section 801 in Article VIII of the ASCSU Constitution to read:

“Funds may be moved between ASCSU departments by the President, only with the approval of Senate in the form of a Supplemental Funding Bill that shall be written and presented by the President. If the President wants to make multiple transfers between ASCSU departments, the changes may be presented in one Bill. In both cases the transfers need only a simple majority vote to be approved.”; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That all subsequent sections of Article VIII be renumbered accordingly.; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That a new section be created titled section 214 in Article II of the ASCSU Constitution to read:

“By the last meeting of Senate before any extended break (including but not limited to Winter and Summer breaks) the Senate shall elect by a majority vote a committee consisting of a committee head who shall be a returning Senator, if possible, and at least four members. The committee shall review and vote on any emergency budget redistributions between departments occurring while Senate is not in session. The committee shall hold the same power over the budget as any regularly convening Senate.”; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That a new section be created titled section 215 in Article II of the ASCSU Constitution to read:

“The committee shall meet within ten business days of receiving the President’s written request for a budget adjustment. A decision over whether or not to accept the proposed budget adjustment shall be made and relayed to the President within seven business days of the initial committee meeting. If a decision is not reached, the change may go through as proposed.”

PASS 1<sup>st</sup> vote [21-0-5]

PASSAGE

Nov. 9, 2011

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PRESIDENT ERIC BERLINBERG

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