

2nd SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SIXTH SENATE

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Lex #5604

Codification of the ASCSU Oath of Office Reference Card

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ABSTRACT: *This lex aims to codify the “ASCSU Oath of Office Reference Card” as a resource offered to ASCSU Officials as they are sworn into office.*

WHEREAS (1),

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In the 2025–2026 Academic Year, the Associated Students of Colorado State University (ASCSU) Senate began providing ASCSU Officials with an ASCSU Oath of Office Reference Card as they took the Oath of Office. This improved the accessibility of the swearing-in process by providing an added visual reference to the Oath of Office thus allowing Officials to use the method of recitation that best accommodates their individual needs; and,

WHEREAS (2),

By providing ASCSU Officials with the ASCSU Oath of Office Reference Card as they are being sworn in, ASCSU can provide an accommodation for ASCSU Officials during what is often their first experience in their term, where there often is not adequate time to request and implement individualized accommodations; and,

WHEREAS (3),

The ASCSU Oath of Office Reference Card has been kept, updated, and offered to Officials taking the Oath of Office by the ASCSU Parliamentarian; and,

WHEREAS (4)

Dividing Article I, Section 108—Oath of Office and Oath of Truth, of the ASCSU Constitution into two sections will improve the document's readability and thus usability; and,

WHEREAS (5)

Codifying such changes in procedure will allow for this practice to be sustained and documented; **so,**

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ENACTED (1)

That the ASCSU Oath of Office Reference Card shall be recognized as a resource offered to ASCSU Officials during the Oath of Office process; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ENACTED (2)

That the ASCSU Oath of Office Reference Card shall hold the verbiage of the Oath of Office as outlined in the ASCSU Constitution, Article I, Section 108, Subsection A; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ENACTED (3)

That ASCSU Officials shall have the right to accept or decline the use of the Oath of Office Reference Card as they are being sworn into office, and in the case that an Oath of Office Reference Card is unavailable, the Official being sworn in may voluntarily consent to being sworn into office without the use of the Oath of Office Reference Card; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ENACTED (4)

That the ASCSU Parliamentarian shall be responsible for keeping, updating, and offering the ASCSU Oath of Office Reference Card to ASCSU Officials taking the Oath of Office; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ENACTED (5)

That Article I, Section 108 – Oath of Office and Oath of Truth of the ASCSU Constitution, be divided into two sections: Article I, Section 108 – Oath of Office, and Article I, Section 109 – Oath of Truth; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ENACTED (6)

That Article I, Section 108, Subsection A, of the ASCSU Constitution, which currently states,

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A. All officials of the Senate branch, Executive branch, Judicial branch, and Special Committees, before entering their respective offices, take and subscribe to the following affirmation as administered by a Justice of the Supreme Court or by the Speaker of the Senate, if during an ASCSU Senate meeting;

"I, (state your name), do solemnly swear to defend and uphold the rules and regulations set forth by the Constitution of the Associated Students of Colorado State University and will rightfully perform the duties of my office to the best of my ability."

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be amended to state,

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A. All ASCSU Officials shall, before entering their respective offices, take and subscribe to the following affirmation as administered by a Justice of the ASCSU Supreme Court or by the ASCSU Speaker of the Senate:

"I, (state your name), do solemnly swear to defend and uphold the rules and regulations set forth by the Constitution of the Associated Students of Colorado State University and will rightfully perform the duties of my office to the best of my ability."

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and remain under Article I, Section 108 - Oath of Office; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ENACTED (7)

That Article I, Section 108, Subsection B, of the ASCSU Constitution, which currently reads,

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B. All people testifying as a witness, complainant, respondent, or standing for questioning during a hearing, shall subscribe to the following affirmation as administered by a Justice of the Supreme Court;

“I, (state your name), swear by the almighty Constitution, the Senate, and students of Colorado State University, that I shall tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

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be amended to state,

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A. All people testifying as a witness, complainant, or respondent or standing for questioning during an ASCSU Judicial hearing shall subscribe to the following affirmation as administered by a Justice of the ASCSU Supreme Court:

“I, (state your name), swear by the almighty Constitution, the Senate, and students of Colorado State University, that I shall tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.”

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and be moved to Article I, Section 109 - Oath of Truth, Subsection A; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ENACTED (8)

That Article I, Section 108, Subsection B, be added to Article I, Section 108 - Oath of Office, of the ASCSU Constitution, stating, “An ASCSU Oath of Office Reference Card shall be offered as a resource to ASCSU Officials as they take the Oath of Office.”; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ENACTED (9)

That Article I, Section 108, Subsection B, Paragraph 1, be added to Article I, Section 108 - Oath of Office, of the ASCSU Constitution stating, “The ASCSU Oath of Office Reference Card shall contain the verbiage of the Oath of Office as outlined in Article I, Section 108, Subsection A, of the ASCSU Constitution.”; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ENACTED (10)

That Article I, Section 108, Subsection B, Paragraph 2, be added to Article I, Section 108 - Oath of Office, of the ASCSU Constitution stating, “ASCSU Officials shall have the right to accept or decline the use of the Oath of Office Reference Card while being sworn into office.”; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ENACTED (11)

That Article I, Section 108, Subsection B, Paragraph 2, Clause 1, be added to Article I, Section 108 - Oath of Office, of the ASCSU Constitution stating, “In the case that an Oath of Office Reference Card is unavailable, the ASCSU Official being sworn in may voluntarily consent to

taking the Oath of Office without the presence of the ASCSU Oath of Office Reference Card.”;
and,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ENACTED (12)

That the following be added to the ASCSU Senate Bylaws, Article II, Section 2 – Job Descriptions, under the ASCSU Parliamentarian’s Job Description, Job-Specific Tasks and Responsibilities:
“The ASCSU Parliamentarian shall be responsible for keeping, updating, and offering the ASCSU Oath of Office Reference Card to ASCSU Officials taking the Oath of Office.”; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED (13)

That a copy of this legislation be forwarded to Amy Parsons, President, Colorado State University; Tony Frank, Chancellor, Colorado State University System; Lisa Youngblade, Provost and Executive Vice President, Colorado State University; Blanche Hughes, Vice President of Student Affairs, Division of Student Affairs; Kauline Cipriani, Vice President for Inclusive Excellence, Office of Inclusive Excellence; Rickey Frierson, Assistant Vice President for Strategic Student Success Initiatives, Office of Inclusive Excellence; Montez Butts, Associate Vice President and Executive Director of the Lory Student Center, Division of Student Affairs; Pamela Norris, Associate Executive Director Engagement and Talent Development, Division of Student Affairs; Ben Schrader, Director, Adult Learner and Veteran Services, ASCSU Advisor; Duan Ruff, Director, Student Leadership Involvement and Community Engagement; Julia Pratt, Assistant Director for Student Government, Student Leadership, Involvement and Community Engagement; Tim Kefalas, 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; Warner College Council; Ag Council; College of Liberal Arts Representative Council; Natural Sciences College Council; College of Health and Human Sciences Dean’s Leadership Council; College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences College Council; College of Business Dean’s Student Leadership Council; Lisa Chandler, Assistant Director, Adult Learner and Veteran Services; Kathleen Fairfax, Vice Provost, International Affairs, Office of International Programs; Chad Hoseth, Assistant Vice Provost, International Affairs, Office of International Programs; 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 of the Cultural Resource Centers, Office of Inclusive Excellence, 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; Amy Taylor, Senior Director, Accessibility Center;

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ASCSU SPEAKER OF THE SENATE RYER ROBERTS

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ASCSU PRESIDENT VICTORIA QUESADA-STONER

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RESOURCES:

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THAT THIS LEGISLATION SHALL BE FORWARDED TO:

Amy Parsons, President of Colorado State University
Tony Frank, Chancellor of the Colorado State University System
Lisa Youngblade, Provost and Executive Vice President of Colorado State University
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