SB-82.05

“Establishment of the DCL and IL Steering Committee”
(Bill to establish a steering committee for the Disability Cultural Lounge and the International Lounge)

SUMMARY

Following the allocation of funding for these pilot programs in the last-fee setting process, this steering committee shall be responsible for ensuring effective execution of the programs by providing strategic direction and liaising with the relevant stakeholders. This bill formalizes the establishment of this committee based on work that individuals in ASOSU have already started, and provides for the positions under the student government to oversee regular operations.

WHEREAS

During the fee-setting process for fiscal year 2023, the ASOSU Congress approved the allocation of funding for four student positions to run pilot programs focused on disability and international identities;

WHEREAS

Following approval from the Dean of Students, ASOSU is currently in the process of securing spaces to operate these pilot programs;

WHEREAS

The students employed to run these programs are going to be independent positions;

WHEREAS

The ASOSU Student Government remains committed to running these pilot programs and evaluating the model needed in the longer-term to continue to provide this support.

WHEREAS

In order to ensure a successful pilot program, a team of dedicated individuals is needed to provide strategic direction, liaise with the OSU administration, and report the progress to this Congress.

BE IT HEREBY ENACTED BY THE ASOSU THAT:

Title III of the ASOSU Statutes (“Executive Branch”) be amended to include a new section following Title III § 5 (“Executive Officers”) and preceding Title III § 6 (“Records and Archives,” to be renumbered accordingly). This new section reads as indented below:
A. Up to four independent positions of the executive branch, which may be filled by student employees, are established to provide for the regular support and development, for each respective project, of a physical space or set of programs, or both, which may involve policy review and community involvement, within the purview of a lounge, center, or incubator project space, as follows:

   a. Supporting disability access and community belonging on campus, including for students and community members with and without formal documentation of disability (up to two positions).

   b. Supporting the access and community belonging of international students and students with family abroad; and related matters for other members of the campus community, including faculty and staff (up to two positions).

B. Additional positions for the purposes under this section may be established by executive directive or subsequent legislation, as appropriate.

C. For the duration of the authorization period of any select committee of the ASOSU Congress established for purposes pertaining to the projects detailed in this section, positions under this section will report to the committee as requested.

D. For the projects detailed above in subsection (A), positions are independent in the sense that they work in connection with the select committee referenced in subsection (C), and may not have the required duties of their positions expanded beyond those provided by statute, except through subsequent legislation.

   a. These positions may report, for employment purposes, to the ASOSU Diversity and Inclusion Director, or equivalent position, or to the ASOSU President, or designee, by determination of the ASOSU President.

   b. The ASOSU President shall determine the appointment of positions under this section, and is advised to include members of an above-referenced select committee on any hiring committees for this purpose.
FURTHERMORE, the ASOSU Congress, upon passage of this bill, establishes a Select Committee under the provisions of Title II § 6 of the ASOSU Statutes (hereafter “Steering Committee”):

1. A Steering Committee, for the purposes established in the statutory amendments of this bill, is hereby established with the following duties, which may include, but are not limited to, the following:
   a. Engage with all necessary stakeholders in ASOSU and OSU administration to ensure timely establishment of these pilot programs.
   b. Provide strategic direction (which may constitute information, legislative or fiscal considerations, and advice within the limitations of the select committee designation) to the students hired for positions in these pilot programs.
   c. Work with ASOSU advisors and other relevant stakeholders to ensure effective data collection on usage and need of these programs.
   d. Membership of the committee shall be open to all members of ASOSU, subject to the appointment procedures under Title II § 6. The minimum composition of the committee shall be as follows:
      i. Two members from the House of Representatives
      ii. Two members from the Senate
      iii. ASOSU Director of Diversity and Inclusion
      iv. ASOSU Coordinator for International Students
      v. ASOSU Coordinator for Wellness and Accessibility
      vi. Any position reported to under Title III § 6(C)a shall serve as a non-voting, ex-officio member.
   e. The committee shall elect a chair from within its membership for logistical support and to lead these efforts.
   f. The goals of the Steering Committee are determined to have concluded at such time as determined by a majority of the committee.
   g. Relevant stakeholders from the OSU administration may also be invited by the committee as non-voting, ex-officio members and may contribute as per their availability. Meetings of the committee are also open to the student body.
   h. The committee shall report its progress to this Congress upon request.
   i. Additional members can also be appointed through majority vote of the committee.

ORIGINATION: In accordance with the ASOSU Constitution, no statute or other provision of this bill may be construed to require spending or allocation of revenue not previously provided. Nor does this bill prevent any person(s) from authorizing spending or exercising signing authority
within their purview, or the Congress from taking subsequent action, in a manner that facilitates the enactment of its provisions.

BE IT HEREBY ORDERED BY THE ASOSU THAT UPON PASSAGE:

This bill be sent to:
Xander Robertson, ASOSU President Pro Tempore of the Senate
Sahana Shah, ASOSU Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives
Leslie Schacht Drey, ASOSU Faculty Advisor and Associate Dean of Students
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Signature: ____________________________ Date: 8/02/22

Madelyn Neuschwander, ASOSU Speaker of the House of Representatives
Signature: ____________________________ Date: 8/17/2022

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