Splitting of Organizations and Campus Diversity VP Position

Description: A bill to split the position of ASUSU Organizations and Campus Diversity Vice President into two distinct positions: Diversity Vice President and Clubs and Organizations Vice President.

WHEREAS it is nearly impossible for the Organizations and Campus Diversity Vice President to give adequate time and attention to all applicable student constituencies under his/her jurisdiction and fulfill all the responsibilities in his/her charter;

WHEREAS campus diversity and clubs/organizations require very different skill sets, attentions, and duties in order to create campus communities that are thriving, rather than just getting by;

WHEREAS under the current Organizations and Campus Diversity Vice President’s charter there is only one clause that discusses club responsibilities, leading to insufficient attention being paid to the growth and vibrancy of student clubs and organizations;

WHEREAS clubs and organizations at Utah State University have historically been unorganized, inconsistent, neglected, insufficiently motivated, and inactive;

WHEREAS the student population is projected to grow, but the activity level of student organizations is expected to remain stagnant due to insufficient institutional support for the growth of these organizations;

WHEREAS a student leader focusing exclusively on these groups’ needs would be much more able to provide assistance and collaboration between these groups and the ASUSU Academic Senate and Executive Council; and

WHEREAS one of the initiatives for Vice President for Student Services James Morales, Assistant Vice President for Student Engagement and Diversity Marvin Roberts, and Diversity Specialist Nicole Vouvalis is to embrace and enhance the diversity and inclusion on USU’s campus;

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED THAT the ASUSU position of Organizations and Campus Diversity Vice President shall be split into two separate positions: Diversity Vice President and Clubs and Organizations Vice President.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED THAT this bill shall be considered as part of the revisions which have recently been made to the ASU Constitution and (should it be passed) will be presented before the student body as part of the upcoming Constitutional Vote.

Tags: Diversity VP, Clubs and Organizations

Sponsor: Sonina Hernandez, Organizations and Campus Diversity Vice President
Co-sponsor: Matthew Anderson, Academic Senate Pro Tempore and CHaSS Senator
Policy Paper

Committee: Executive Council
In Attendance: Douglas Fiefia, Daryn Frischknecht, Charley Riddle, Kevin Meacham, Thomas Rogers, Sonina Hernandez, Matthew Anderson, Brittney Garbrick, Casey Saxton, and Trevor Olsen.
Absent: Emily Esplin
Result: The bill failed to pass as all voted opposed except Sonina Hernandez who voted in favor.

History:
This bill was created in order to better the clubs and organizations at USU which currently is chaotic due to several years of neglect. It is meant to create order and understanding across students, advisors, and ASUSU. The time that it takes to maintain clubs is far more than what is allowed due to the amount of responsibilities given to the current charter of the Organization and Campus Diversity Vice President. Research has been done by looking at past USU legislations, experiences of past and current Organization and Campus Diversity Vice Presidents, as well as communication with the Club and Organizations Vice Presidents of universities across the state of Utah.

Also the need of separate positions will be required due to the initiatives of which the university’s administrative Diversity Council is implementing; leading it to have an exponential growth in diversity at USU.

Purpose:
The purpose is to give adequate attention to our campus clubs and organizations in hopes to create more opportunities for students and bettering their experience here at USU.

Pros:
Proper attention will be given to clubs and organizations.
A foundation will be set for the future success of clubs and organizations.
This will allow the administration to continue its growth with Diversity.

Cons:
Requires adding to the current constitution change