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31 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BILL #2

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

STUDENT UNION

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BILL HISTORY

The fifteenth national conference for NASFAA (National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators) is taking place this summer in Washington D.C., and I feel that the University of Colorado should be represented. With tuition going up and financial aid going down, there is no doubt in my mind that this University and its students can benefit from more creative solutions to our financial aid problems. This conference will go a long way to providing us with those solutions.

At the conference students can meet, talk and exchange ideas with professional Financial Aid administrators, elected officials from their respective states and of course, other students. Students will also attend presentations ranging from basic philosophies of financial aid to state of the art implementation and delivery systems.

"As we return to the basics, the challenges of the future become more focused. To this end, the conference committee has diligently strived to formulate a program which provides fundamental training in the financial aid delivery system, creative sessions on personal, professional and institutional development and intellectually stimulating discussions on diversity and the role of the financial aid office. The conference program will provide a learning environment for all participants."

If this university is to continue to grow as a quality institution our financial aid office must grow concurrently. This conference will provide us with the tools to make that happen.

BILL SUMMARY

This bill shall allocate \$593.10 + GAR from the Central Reserve to fund 2 RT airline tickets to Washington D.C. for one member of Representative Council and one Staff member to attend the 15th national NASFAA Conference.

BE IT ENACTED by the Legislative Council of the University of Colorado Student Union, THAT:

SECTION 1:	An amount not to exceed \$593.10 + GAR will be allocated from the Central Reserve for 2 RT tickets to Washington D.C.
SECTION 2:	A written report will be submitted pursuant to 24 ECB #4
SECTION 3:	This bill will take effect upon passage.

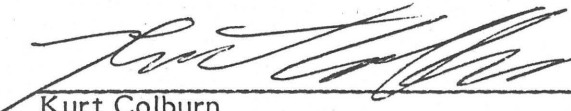
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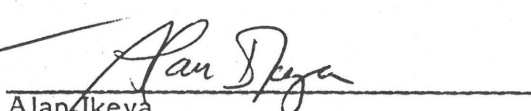
TOTAL COST	\$1484.50
2 RT tickets @\$264 ea (requested contribution from UCSU)	-528.00
Registration @\$195 x 2 (Finance Aid Office contribution)	-390.00
Unmet Need	<u>\$ 593.10</u>

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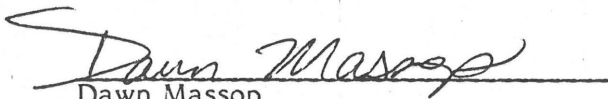
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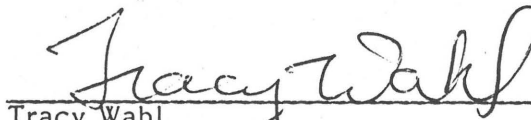
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TO: Legislative Council Members

FROM: Paula Beehler
S.A. to Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs
Charles Ellis
UCSU Representative at Large

DATE: July 26, 1989

RE: 1989 NASFAA Conference

This is a excerpt from a report to Brad Gay, S.A. to Financial Aid and the UCSU Tri-Execs regarding the trip to the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators in Washington D.C., July 10 to July 16, 1989. If anyone would like more specific details on the conference or the trip in general you can obtain a copy of the report from Paula, Brad, or the Tri's. The conference consisted primarily of administrators, we were the only two students that were in attendance at the conference. The conference was primarily for the use of updating administrators in the advancements in the field of financial aid, making the information more technical than what was beneficial to us.

The best way to begin is to fill everyone in on some of the issues concerning the area of financial aid. The issue of a Volunteer Service Hours as a means of financial aid is basically stating that in order to get financial aid you must commit a certain number of community service hours to the community in order to finance an education. There is quite a few versions to this bill. One version states that this program would be in addition to already existing financial aid dollars, anyone would be eligible to participate in the program and the volunteer work could be done before, during, or after college. Other forms of the bill vary in each of these areas, but with each variation causes even more concerns. One version would make the volunteer service hours mandatory for anyone wanting to receive financial aid, and replacing grants and loans on the federal level. From speaking with different administrators and listening to speeches from the department of education, the idea is not going over to well and it does not look like this type of program will be implemented any time soon, or if even at all. But, it is an issue that is not yet dead.

Another issue that was raised is the idea that on the federal level loans are now 75% of the financial aid funding offered and grants are only about 25% -

a complete turn around from years ago of funding of financial aid. The only explanation for this was the old stand by...lack of money.

Next issue, Professional Discretion. Professional discretion was taken away from financial aid administrators on campus (for Pell grants and special loans) and the only way to allocate money was to follow a mathematical formula, and no special circumstances could be considered for individuals who did not fit into the formula. This was done because it was believed it would save money, but most administrators feel it has only hurt some very needy students. The personal touch was taken out, and power was taken away from the campus to decide what was best for the students. From talking to people it looks like professional discretion will be reinstated this year, because no one could tell that it made enough of a monetary difference.

The final major issue that we discussed was that of changing the amount of student personal income that will be used towards educational expenses. It is presently at 70% of a students income. If it is kept at this level, it is now wiser for a student to not work, they would be able to qualify for more aid! The Senate Education Committee is fighting to have that lowered to 50% of earnings, which would be to the advantage of a working student who is putting themselves through college.

The conference all in all was very helpful, some aspects of the conference were much to technical for what we expected to get from the conference. In the future we would suggest that the person(s) who goes to the conference has quite a bit of background in the area of financial aid and directly works in the financial aid office. We are not sure it was worth sending two student delegates 2,000 miles to attend a conference that is directed strictly towards the administration of the financial aid office, without extensive background and/or working knowledge of financial aid and the relevant issues.