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33 Legislative Council Bill #22

**UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO**

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**A BILL**

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**BILL HISTORY**

During my time on UCSU Legislative Council there has been an increasing proliferation of resignations and appointments by Representatives-at-Large. Though I do not doubt the qualifications or dedication of these individuals, and in fact believe some of the replacements to be some of the best UCSU Representatives I've ever seen, I am concerned about the validity of representation. It seems that after a certain point, the vote of the people is lost and there is a risk that the council seat could belong to a click of friends.

It is fine for a person who is elected to use his/her judgement in picking a replacement because the people have put their faith in that person to make decisions, but a replacement has not been elected and should not have the ability to appoint further replacements.

Therefore, I propose the following by-law changes to the UCSU By-Laws:

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**BILL SUMMARY**

This bill seeks to remedy representational validity problems in UCSU.

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**BE IT ENACTED** by the Council of Colleges & Schools of the University of Colorado Student Union, **THAT:**

**Make the following Amendments to Article VII, Section C of the UCSU By-Laws:**

**SECTION 1:** Create Section 1 to read: "When an elected Representative-at-Large gives up their seat on Legislative Council, that Representative may appoint a replacement pending ratification by Representative Council as stated by the UCSU Constitution."

**SECTION 2:** Create Section 2 to read: "If that replacement can not fulfill their seat on council, then:

- A) If there is an election within 8 weeks of the resignation, that seat will come up for election for its remaining duration,

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be given to next largest vote getter.  
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- B) If it is more than 8 weeks then the original seat holder (if they are still a valid member of the UCSU) may pick another replacement pending 2/3 ratification of Representative Council

**SECTION 3:** Move former Sections 1-3 down to 3-5.

**SECTION 4:** This bill takes effect upon passage.

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