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34 Legislative Council Bill #5

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO
STUDENT UNION

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A BILL

BILL HISTORY

Because of the inherently transient nature of student leadership, USSA found that students were continually reinventing the wheel in their organizing efforts, putting little effort into the strategy of issue campaigns.

The GrassRoots Organizing Weekends (GROW) training sessions were started in 1985 by the National Student Education Fund (NSEF), USSA and the Midwest Academy. The training sessions are based on the idea that there are certain techniques that lie behind all successful organizing campaigns, and these skills can be learned. The skills are not issue-specific; students can apply them to campaigns of most concern to their own campuses.

The two and a half day program is designed for active student participation, mixing lectures, audio-visual presentations, exercises and role-plays. Participants are recruited from diverse constituencies within the student population, and special emphasis is placed on the importance of building bridges between groups.

Training sessions generally cost NSEF about \$3,000.00. Members of USSA can get GROW training sessions at their campuses for a much reduced rate. In order to keep costs down and to encourage commitment to attend the entire workshop, CU-Boulder students will be charged \$10.00 for the entire weekend. Non CU-Boulder students will be charged \$25.00.

BILL SUMMARY

This bill allocates an amount not to exceed \$1,200.00 + GAR to fund a GROW training session at CU-Boulder, February 8-10, 1991.

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

SECTION 1. An amount not to exceed \$1,200.00 + GAR to fund a GROW training session at CU-Boulder, February 8-10, 1991.


SECTION 2: Legislative Council members will be encouraged to attend the workshop.

SECTION 3: A written report will be submitted pursuant to 24ECB#4.

SECTION 4: This bill takes effect upon passage.

BUDGET	
Costs:	\$2,000.00
Legislative Council	\$1,200.00
Environmental Board	250.00
Participant Registration	400.00
Executive Discretionary	150.00
	<u>\$2,000.00</u>

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Report on 34LCB5: GrassRoots Organizing Weekend
by Malinda Matney, former Graduate Representative

The GROW weekend, 8-10 February 1991, went extremely well. It entailed a three-day weekend of workshops and discussions, centering on how to increase student involvement on campus. About forty people attended the weekend, a very good attendance level.

This event should definitely be repeated. Many students who participated have since become a part of UCSU governance or involved in one of the many clubs on campus. For example, four of the five newly-elected representatives took part in the weekend. I would encourage such an event in the future.

The money allocated was used for partial coverage of registration fees and materials. All money allocated by Legislative Council was used.

Report on 34CCSB9 National Association of Graduate and
Professional Students
by Malinda Matney, former Graduate Representative

Two Graduate School students attended the National NAGPS Conference, held in Norman, Oklahoma in March. One was elected national Information Exchange Coordinator, Melissa Soldani. This is an excellent way for CU-Boulder graduate and professional students to keep posted on new developments in our area.

The conference centered on graduate student employment issues. We received positive feedback and ideas for how to improve conditions at CU for those of us who are TAs, RAs, GAs and GPTIs as well as student.

All \$618 allocated by CCS was used for air fares.

Thanks for sending us.

