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A BILL

BILL HISTORY

The Constitution of the University of Colorado Student Union provides a similar structure to the United States government in a number of ways. Because of this similarity, members of the UCSU are provided with a system they can easily understand, resulting in easier participation in and access to UCSU governance.

One structural similarity is the principle that each member votes upon, and is represented by, an equal number of representatives. In the US system, each citizen is represented by three (two senators, one representative). In the UCSU system, each student currently elects eleven (ten representatives at large, one CCS representative position). This principle provides an equality that should be maintained.

The School of Pharmacy will leave the Boulder campus June 1992. Because of the current UCSU Constitution structure, we must amend the Constitution in some way to accommodate this change. This proposed amendment, while not a present change of substance, is important to ensure a smooth transition during any change in the Boulder campus college and school structure. Though Constitutional amendments will remain necessary each time a change in college and school structure occurs on this campus, a long series of amendments will no longer be necessary if the student body approves of these amendments.

These questions are not mutually dependent; if only one passes, there will not be harm done to its enactment by the failure of the other question.

BILL SUMMARY

The Legislative Council hereby directs the Election Commissioner to place the following questions on the Fall 1991 ballot:

Do you approve of the amendment of Article III, B1 the UCSU Constitution to read:

"The Representative Council shall consist of as many members as there are degree-granting colleges and schools on the Boulder campus. The term of office shall be one year. Half of the seats shall be elected in the Spring, and half of the seats shall be elected in the Fall. In the event of an odd number of Representative Council seats, one more shall be elected in the Fall than in the Spring?"

Do you approve of the amendment of Article III, C2 and the addition of Article III, C3 of the UCSU Constitution to read:

- "2. There shall be one member from each individual degree-granting college and school. These colleges and schools are designated as: Arts and Sciences, Business, Education, Engineering, Environmental Design, Graduate, Journalism, Law, and Music.
- "3. The School of Pharmacy shall be entitled to a Representative on the Council of Colleges and Schools until the beginning of terms of Representatives at Large elected in the Spring 1992 elections. Only four Representative at Large seats shall be offered for election in the Spring 1992 elections. Upon completion of these two conditions, this clause will be automatically removed from the UCSU Constitution, and subsequent clauses appropriately renumbered?"

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

Section 1: The Legislative Council hereby directs the Election Commissioner to place the following question on the Fall 1991 ballot:

Do you approve of the amendment of Article III, B1 of the UCSU Constitution to read:
"The Representative Council shall consist of as many members as there are degree-granting colleges and schools on the Boulder campus. The term of office shall be one year. Half of the seats shall be elected in the Spring and half of the seats shall be elected in the Fall. In the event of an odd number of Representative Council seats, one more shall be elected in the Fall than in the Spring?"

Section 2:

The Legislative Council hereby directs the Election Commissioner to place the following on the Fall 1991 ballot:

Do you approved of the amendment of Article III, C2 and the addition of Article III, C3 of the UCSU Constitution to read:

- "2. There shall be one member from each individual degree-granting college and school. These colleges and schools are designated as: Arts and Sciences, Business, Education, Engineering, Environmental Design, Graduate, Journalism, Law and Music.
- "3. The School of Pharmacy shall be entitled to a Representative on the Council of Colleges and Schools until the beginning of terms of Representatives at Large elected in the Spring 1992 elections. Only four Representative at Large seats shall be offered for election in the Spring 1992 elections. Upon completion of these two conditions, this clause will be automatically removed from the UCSU Constitution, and subsequent clauses appropriately renumbered?"

Section 3:

Should either or both of these questions pass with a majority vote AND at least two thousand favorable votes, the remaining sections and/or articles of the UCSU Constitution will be appropriately renumbered.

Section 4:

This bill takes effect upon passage.

7/12/91 - Passes - Legislative Council - 1st Reading - Acclamation 7/12/91 - Passes - Legislative Council - 2nd Reading - Acclamation

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