

May 2, 1991

35 Legislative Council Resolution #101

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO  
STUDENT UNION

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A RESOLUTION

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RESOLUTION HISTORY

The Board of Regents of the University of Colorado has a history of making decisions without always following their existing laws and policies. At their September 1990 meeting the Board made a decision to rename the CU Events/Conference Center the Coors Events/Conference Center "in recognition of the long history and tradition of substantial institutional support by the Coors family." This motion was prefaced by "As a result of discussions initiated by the CU Foundation and former President Gordon Gee, the University of Colorado has received a gift of \$5 million from the Coors family through the Coors Foundation for the benefit of the Department of Athletics" (MINUTES OF REGENT MEETING SEPTEMBER 1990) According to the Laws of the Regents, Appendix D, Section A.4a the individual for which a facility shall be named must "have rendered outstanding academic support and/or professional service to the University Community." Section A.4b of Appendix D states that the "individual must have contributed (or someone must have contributed in the individual's name) substantial funds toward the construction and/or maintenance of the facility. A contribution of at least 50% of the construction cost of a facility is defined to be substantial. A lesser percentage may be deemed to be substantial if that contribution made possible the construction of the facility." Though it can be argued that the Coors Foundation has rendered outstanding service to the community, the topic of financial support is covered in Section A.4b dealing with financial contributions and should therefore not be considered as an outstanding "professional service" to the University Community.

The most recent event that outlines the Boards disregard for procedure was the choosing of the new President, Judith Albino. The Board chose Dr. Albino during a "closed" meeting. According to the Laws of the Regents Article 2, Section 2.B., "All regular and special meetings of the Board shall be open to the public and be held in compliance with the open meetings requirements of the State Sunshine Act as designated by section 24-6-402 C.R.S. (1988 Repl.V.)" It is quite clear that this procedure chosen by the Board deviates from this in the fact that the Attorney General of the State of Colorado is currently investigating the Board for this process.

Though the University of Colorado Student Union cannot claim that it is perfect, and has been known in the past to deviate from its existing procedures, it has taken steps to correct this problem. The fact that UCSU is not perfect should not preclude the topic of credibility of the Board of Regents.

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

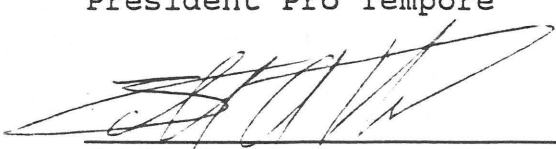
- Section 1: The University of Colorado Student Union condemns the abusive procedures regardless of the end result chosen by the Board of Regents of the University of Colorado in matters directly affecting the students of the University of Colorado.
- Section 2: The UCSU requests that the Board of Regents follow existing regental laws and cease abusive procedures in future matters directly affecting the students of the University of Colorado.
- Section 3: The President Pro Tempore will send copies of this resolution to each Board Member, President Albino, and Boulder Chancellor James Corbridge.
- Section 4: This resolution takes effect upon passage.

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