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36 Legislative Council Bill #11

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A BILL

BILL HISTORY

There has been an ongoing movement across the United States to improve the safety environment of college and university campuses. At the University of Colorado at Boulder, this movement has made great strides with the formation of programs such as NightRide/NightWalk. Since its inception in the 1970's, NightRide/NightWalk has come to the assistance of nearly 50,000 students, faculty, and staff based on current use estimates. Current estimates show that the service is being used by approximately 400 people each month. Growing trend would show that these numbers would only increase as this service continues. This has undoubtedly been a needed and well used service of the University of Colorado Student Union.

NightRide Statistics for Fall 1991

September 11 Through October 1	TOTAL USE 170
Sunday - 29 Rides in 3 Sundays of September	
Monday - 44 Rides in 3 Mondays of September	
Tuesday - 23 Rides in 2 Tuesdays of September	
Wednesday - 38 Rides in 3 Wednesdays of September	
Thursday - 25 Rides in 3 Thursdays of September	
Friday - 7 Rides in 1 Friday of September	
Saturday - 4 Rides in 1 Saturday of September	
October 1 Through November 1	TOTAL USE 406
Sunday - 47 Rides in 4 Sundays of October	
Monday - 79 Rides in 4 Mondays of October	
Tuesday - 86 Rides in 5 Tuesdays of October	
Wednesday - 102 Rides in 5 Wednesdays of October	
Thursday - 68 Rides in 5 Thursdays of October	
Friday - 14 Rides in 3 Fridays of October	
Saturday - 10 Rides in 3 Saturdays of October	

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November 1 Through December 1 TOTAL USE 384
45 Sunday - 51 Rides in 4 Sundays of November
Monday - 97 Rides in 4 Mondays of November
Tuesday - 57 Rides in 4 Tuesdays of November
Wednesday - 66 Rides in 3 Wednesdays of November
Thursday - 75 Rides in 3 Thursdays of November
50 Friday - 20 Rides in 3 Fridays of November
Saturday - 18 Rides in 3 Saturdays of November

TOTAL USE FOR NIGHTRIDE 960

NightWalk Statistics for Fall 1991

55 September 11 Through October 1 TOTAL USE 54
Sunday - 4 Walks in 3 Sundays of September
Monday - 12 Walks in 3 Mondays of September
60 Tuesday - 7 Walks in 2 Tuesdays of September
Wednesday - 16 Walks in 3 Wednesdays of September
Thursday - 15 Walks in 3 Thursdays of September

October 1 Through November 1 (without 20th data) TOTAL USE 108
65 Sunday - 14 Walks in 4 Sundays of October
Monday - 21 Walks in 4 Sundays of October
Tuesday - 28 Walks in 5 Tuesdays of October
Wednesday - 25 Walks in 5 Wednesdays of October
Thursday - 20 Walks in 5 Thursdays of October

70 November 1 Through December 1 TOTAL USE 73
Sunday - 13 Walks in 4 Sundays of November
Monday - 13 Walks in 4 Mondays of November
Tuesday - 13 Walks in 4 Tuesdays of November
Wednesday - 18 Walks in 3 Wednesdays of November
75 Thursday - 16 Walks in 3 Thursdays of November

TOTAL USE FOR NIGHTWALK 235

TOTAL USE FOR NIGHTRIDE/NIGHTWALK THROUGH DECEMBER 1 1195
AVERAGE MONTHLY USE C.400

80 The current NightRide/NightWalk service is comprised of 2
Coordinators and approximately 65 volunteers. The volunteers are
routinely scheduled for 2 to 3 hours each week, with the service
being open for use 30 to 35 hours each week. These volunteers are
85 scheduled on shifts of 5 volunteers which are broken down 7pm -
10pm , and 10pm - midnight. During the Finals Schedule limited
service is extended to 3:00am. Both the Ride and Walk pair must be
male/female combination with gender not being a specification for
the fifth volunteer who is scheduled to stay at the desk and
90 oversee the night's events.

Average Weekly Schedule

	7:00-10:00	10:00-12:00
100 Sunday -	2Ride/2Walk 1Stay	2Ride/2Walk/1Stay
Monday -	2Ride/2Walk/1Stay	2Ride/2Walk/1Stay
Tuesday -	2Ride/2Walk/1Stay	2Ride/2Walk/1Stay
Wednesday -	2Ride/2Walk/1Stay	2Ride/2Walk/1Stay
Thursday -	2Ride/2Walk/1Stay	2Ride/2Walk/1Stay
105	9:00-12:00	
Friday -	1Ride/0Walk/0Stay	
Saturday -	1Ride/0Walk/0Stay	

Average Finals Schedule

110	7:00-10:00	10:00-12:00	12:00-3:00
Sunday -	2Ride/2Walk/1Stay	2Ride/2Walk/1Stay	1Ride
Monday -	2Ride/2Walk/1Stay	2Ride/2Walk/1Stay	1Ride
Tuesday -	2Ride/2Walk/1Stay	2Ride/2Walk/1Stay	1Ride
Wednesday -	2Ride/2Walk/1Stay	2Ride/2Walk/1Stay	1Ride
115 Thursday -	2Ride/2Walk/1Stay	2Ride/2Walk/1Stay	1Ride
Friday -	2Ride/2Walk/1Stay	2Ride/2Walk/1Stay	1Ride
Saturday -	2Ride/2Walk/1Stay	2Ride/2Walk/1Stay	1Ride

120 Under the current system a person needing a ride/walk would call the NightRide/NightWalk desk in Norlin Library to make an appointment or just to show up at the desk and the next available ride/walk would be used. For appointments made via voice mail, a phone call is made to confirm the need for a ride/walk. A ride is currently scheduled to leave the library every hour on the hour

125 with the walks leaving as necessary.

The current NightRide/NightWalk service could arguably need improvement. How to accomplish this improvement must be addressed prior to the start of a new academic year. There have been recent

130 complaints that the service is faulty. Complaints have included volunteers not showing up for their shifts leaving people who use the service without a ride/walk. Also there have been complaints of a previously scheduled ride not showing up, showing up and leaving after being at the stop for 1 - 2 minutes, or not getting

135 out of the NightRide Van to attempt to find the person in need of a ride. The current NightRide/NightWalk Coordinators and staff have taken the following steps in an attempt to cure this problem:

- 1) Speaking with the specific volunteers that were directly involved in the incidents.
- 140 2) Attempting to verify the complaint from both sides of the issue.
- 3) Reiterating the NightRide/NightWalk policy with the entire volunteer staff.
- 145 4) Making policy changes where there seems to be a need.

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Several options have been discussed to accomplish this improvement and have included:

- Option 1) Payment of all staff members.
- Option 2) Payment of night managers.
- Option 3) Purchasing of new equipment including radios and vehicles.
- Option 4) University Security involvement in monitoring volunteers.

The logistics of these options must be taken into consideration before a decision can be made:

Option 1 Logistics

- 1) How many staff members would NightRide/NightWalk consist of?

This option would have the current staff of 65 volunteers cut to 8 paid employees.

- 2) Where are the funds going to come from for this option?
This option would call for a referendum question to be placed on the ballot asking the students for finances.

- 3) How is the staff going to be paid?
This option would pay the staff \$250.00 stipends to be monthly. This would be a 12 month stipend. The staff would be paid through the Student Organizations Finance Office.

- 4) Who will be responsible for the management of the referendum account?

This option would empower the NightRide/NightWalk Coordinators to sign against the referendum account in order to pay the staff.

- 5) Whose staff would this be?

This staff would be considered the NightRide/NightWalk staff under the auspices of the University of Colorado Student Union Executives. This would mandate a Ratification Process with the Appointments Committee and Legislative Council prior to payment. Were there to be an opening or at the beginning of a year, advertisements must be placed and run for 10 working days, prior to ratification to be in compliance with the University of Colorado Student Union By-Laws. The staff would be comprised of Fee Paying Boulder Campus One Students ONLY!

OPTION 1 PROGRAM:

BUDGET:

Salaries for 8 staff members	\$24,000.00
Worker's Compensation for staff	\$ 314.88
General Administrative Recharge	<u>\$ 1,218.18</u>
TOTAL SALARY BUDGET	\$25,533.06

Based on the current budgeting figures, a 53 Cent referendum would be needed to cover the costs. It would however create an rollover of \$436.94 of the \$25,970.00. This is based on the standard of 49,000 fee paying students per academic year.

OPTION 1 WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

(7 : 0 0 p . m . - M i d n i g h t) (9:00-Midnight)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
A Ride	A Ride	A Ride	A Ride	A Ride	C Ride	C Ride
B Ride	B Ride	B Ride	B Ride	B Ride	D Ride	D Ride
E Walk	G Walk	E Walk	E Walk	E Walk	H Stay	H Stay
F Walk	H Walk	F Walk	F Walk	F Walk		
G Stay	C Stay	H Stay	D Stay	G Stay		

Legend -

A=Driver#1, B=Driver#2, C=Driver#3, D=Driver#4
E=Walker#1, F=Walker#2, G=Walker#3, H=Walker#4

A - 25 Hours; B - 25 Hours; C - 11 Hours; D - 11 Hours
E - 20 Hours; F - 20 Hours; G - 15 Hours; H - 16 Hours

This schedule would create an environment where all the shifts were covered, but the staff members are not being paid for the same amount of required work. The staff members range from 11 hours to 25 hours for the same stipend. It is arguable that the staff members that are lower in hours would be available to fill in for a sick staff member etc. The members of the staff required to work only 11 hours per week would be working well over minimum wage (\$5.69 per hour), whereas the staff members working 25 hours per week would be working for much less (\$2.50 per hour). The question of employment equality would then become a factor. For the University of Colorado Student Union to require such working conditions, would not be desirable. The law must also play an important part in this process as the University of Colorado Student Union would be (in essence) requiring a student to work for \$2.50 per hour. This directly breaks current minimum wage laws of the United States.

If this option is adopted, and to keep within minimum wage laws, while still keeping the stipends equal, the new stipend would then be \$425.40. This would increase the total amount needed for salaries to be \$43,406.20 making a referendum of 89 cents.

Option 2 Logistics

- 1) How many staff members would NightRide/NightWalk consist of?

This option would have the current staff of 65 volunteers expanded to include 7 paid Night Assistant Coordinators. These Assistant Coordinators would be titled Assistant Coordinators.

- 2) Where are the funds going to come from for this option? This option would call Legislative Council to raise student fees for the purpose of increasing the NightRide/NightWalk budget.

- 3) How are the Assistant Coordinators going to be paid? This option would pay the staff hourly based on current minimum wage requirements. The Assistant Coordinators would be paid through the Student Organizations Finance Office.

- 4) Who will be responsible for the management of the paid Assistant Coordinators.

This option would empower the NightRide/NightWalk Coordinators to authorize the payment of the Assistant Coordinators.

- 5) Whose staff would this be?

The Assistant Coordinators would be considered the NightRide/NightWalk Assistant Coordinators under the auspices of the University of Colorado Student Union Executives. This would mandate a Ratification Process with the Appointments Committee and Legislative Council prior to payment. Were there to be an opening or at the beginning of a year, advertisements must be placed and run for 10 working days, prior to ratification to be in compliance with the University of Colorado Student Union By-Laws. The Assistant Coordinators would be comprised of Fee Paying Boulder Campus One Students ONLY!

OPTION 2 PROGRAM:

BUDGET:

Wages for Assistant Coordinators	\$ 5,533.50
Worker's Compensation	\$ 72.60
General Administrative Recharge	\$ 280.87
TOTAL SALARY BUDGET	\$ 5,886.97

Based on the current budgeting figures, a 12 cents per student per semester would be needed to cover the costs. This is based on the standard of 49,000 fee paying students per academic year.

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OPTION 2 WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

(7 : 0 0 P . M . - M I D N I G H T) (9:00-Midnight)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MANAGE	MANAGE	MANAGER	MANAGER	MANAGER	MANAGE	MANAGER

OPTION 2 FINALS SCHEDULE:

The Coordinators would arrange with the Assistant Coordinators when each person would be responsible for working. In the event that a Assistant Coordinator is not able to work during finals, then the volunteers would handle the night without the help of a Assistant Coordinator.

Each Assistant Coordinator would be required to work one night each week for the entire time that NightRide/NightWalk is open for service. There are 2 people that would only be working 3 hours and 5 that would be working 5 hours.

This option would create NightRide/NightWalk Assistant Coordinators that would be available on the scene to make decisions and enforce policy. This would free up the current Coordinators to do broad scope planning instead of fine detail organizing of volunteers. There would be however a problem with the ratification process if in the middle of the year an Assistant Coordinator resigns, gets fired, or gets ill. This must be worked with in order to keep NightRide/NightWalk from falling to the wayside.

If this option is adopted, the problems listed in lines 113 through 123 of this bill could arguably be solved.

Option 3 Logistics:

- 1) Where would the money for this option come from?

The money would be budgeted by the Legislative Council.

- 2) What type of vehicles would be purchased?

Currently the NightRide/NightWalk uses a van from the University of Colorado at Boulder Transportation Center (3380). This van is in possibly the worst condition of the fleet, because NightRide/NightWalk arguably puts the most wear and tear on their vehicles than most other users. The average cost of renting this van is \$2,400 each semester. This includes insurance, rental fees, and milage.

15 Passenger Van #3380

Rental per month-	\$400.00
Insurance per month -	\$ 10.00
Milage per mile -	\$ 0.19

370 With the purchasing of a NightRide Vehicle, the use
of University Insurance would be prohibited. This
could take on another realm as well. It has been
suggested that a van be donated for use by an
automobile company and exchanged regularly to
insure proper upkeep. The donor would be
375 responsible for providing insurance on the vehicle
knowing the University of Colorado Student Union
would be drained financially were an insurance
premium to be added to the budget.

380 3) What type of radios would be purchased?

A single channel CB radio that would insure
security from members of the community hearing what
is being said. It would defeat the purpose of
NightRide/NightWalk if it were to broadcast women
standing alone on a street corner. The cost of
385 purchasing radios would be nominal in the \$16.2
million picture.

4) Where would the vehicle and radios be stored during the
non operating hours of NightRide/NightWalk?

390 The vehicle and radios would be stored at a
location determined by the NightRide/NightWalk
Coordinators allowing accessibility and security of
such equipment.

If this option is adopted, NightRide/NightWalk would enter into the
area of running a transportation center, and not focusing on the
395 running of NightRide/NightWalk program. It is neither cost
effecting to purchase such equipment, nor does work within the
ideals of NightRide/NightWalk.

Option 4 Logistics:

400 A Memorandum of Understanding would be signed by the
University of Colorado Student Union and the University
Security Department that would empower Security to take on the
role of monitoring the NightRide/NightWalk program. As the
program currently operates, members of the Security force have
405 been willing to walk people home if the use of a NightWalk is
not possible. The University of Colorado Police Department
currently assists NightRide/NightWalk wherever possible or
needed. Changing these to function would arguably take the
effectiveness of NightRide/NightWalk to a different
410 perspective. This perspective would more likely than not
remove some of the authority from the University of Colorado
Student Union and place that authority in the hands of
University Security.

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After reviewing the 4 options given it would seem that there are ways to improve NightRide/NightWalk problems and to address any further concerns. For this reason a strategic plan for the NightRide/NightWalk program is needed. All NightRide/NightWalk statistics were compiled by the present Co-Coordiators.

BILL SUMMARY

This bill shall direct the University of Colorado Student Union Legislative Council to form a ad-hoc committee in order to create a strategic plan for the NightRide/NightWalk program.

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

Section 1: This bill shall direct the University of Colorado Student Union Legislative Council to form an ad-hoc committee in order to create a strategic plan for the NightRide/NightWalk program.

Section 2: This ad-hoc committee shall be comprised of the following members: An executive or a designated representative (with the execution of the NightRide/NightWalk Coordinators), The current Coordinators for the NightRide/NightWalk Program, one member of the Council of Colleges and Schools, one member of the Representative Council, the Student Organizations Finance Office Director, and six students chosen at large by the Legislative Council.

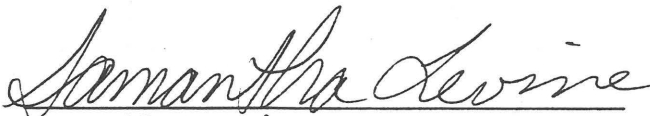
Section 3: This ad-hoc committee shall present the Legislative Council with a working draft of their proposal by the end of the 36 Session.

Section 4: This bill becomes effective upon passage.

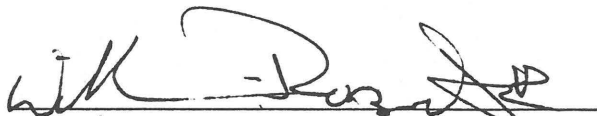
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1/23/92 Passes - Legislative Council - 1st Reading - Acclamation

1/30/92 Passed - Legislative Council - 2nd Reading - Acclamation



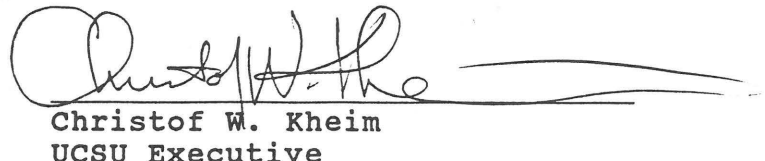
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