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A BILL

BILL HISTORY

On February 28, 1990 UCSU Recreation Center Board passed by acclamation a policy that extended spousal memberships to include same sex couples, after being looked at by Legal Counsel. This policy grants couples of the same sex couple membership rate if the couple could produce legal evidence demonstrating the same primary residence plus joint finances or joint property.

Such a policy was created to give gay and lesbian domestic partners the same access to the Recreation Center afforded to state-sanctioned heterosexual marriages. Since no such legality exists for gays and lesbians, this policy was implemented. This would be consistent with the UCSU policy of nondiscrimination based on sexual orientation.

We believe that this policy should be extended to all of UCSU. This policy would currently only effect benefits directly controlled by the cost center. As an example, this policy does not include Wardenburg insurance, due to the high premiums for such coverage implemented by the insurance companies. However, future efforts to obtain such coverage is encouraged.

BILL SUMMARY

This bill grants domestic partners of the same sex the same benefits afforded to heterosexual married couples within UCSU.

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

SECTION 1: This policy grants domestic partners of the same sex the same benefits afforded to heterosexual married couples within UCSU. Domestic partners are defined as two people who produce legal evidence demonstrating the same primary residence plus

joint finances or joint property.

SECTION 2: Each Cost Center must advertise and define same-sex domestic partner benefits whenever it advertises heterosexual spousal benefits.

SECTION 3: Each cost center director will approve such benefit requests on a case by case basis. The director shall inform the appropriate joint board or UCSU Legislative Council (if no exists for that cost center) on a semester basis of any requests and results of his/her actions on those requests.

SECTION 4: The appropriate joint board or UCSU Legislative Council (if no joint board exists for that cost center) is responsible to hear appeals of a cost center director's decision.

SECTION 5: This act is void if and/or when there is a change in Colorado State Law to give legal recognition of marriage to couples of the same sex.

SECTION 6: This bill takes effect upon passage.

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