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37 Legislative Council Resolution #101

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 A RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS: The University of Colorado Student Union Legislative
 Council has identified five priorities in document and
 legislation management:

- 4 1. Increase organization 4. Increase security
 2. More effective indexing 5. Reduce reliance on
6 3. Free-up office space human assistance

8 WHEREAS: Recent legislative history indicates the need to better
 manage past legislation so that UCSU is aware of
10 precedents, rules and procedures. Currently, there is
12 little continuity between legislative sessions, meaning
 poor responsibility and accountability to past decisions.
4 Approximately past pages of legislation and agendas exist
 from previous sessions.

16 WHEREAS: A modernization of legislation management will provide
 better service to the student body. It will also
18 increase accessibility and thus interest in UCSU issues.

20 WHEREAS: Four students in Information Systems 4660, Joe
 DePaemelaere, Chris Brown, Terri Fellers and Samantha
22 Phouthavong, have completed a 2 semester project of
 analyzing and improving the UCSU method of storing past
24 legislation. They previously presented their findings to
 the Legislative Council on February 27, 1992, at which
26 time the Council applauded their work and encouraged the
 development of a plan to implement. The Information
28 Systems (IS) team has now completed a proposed computer
 system plan to upgrade UCSU's document storage.

30 WHEREAS: The IS team proposes a computerized ledger system to
32 store and retrieve past legislation. Past UCSU
 documents would be transferred to the computer system,
34 and original documents would be stored in the Norlin
 Library archives. Users could then locate documents in
36 the computer system based upon legislation date, session,
 author, sponsor or topic.

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WHEREAS: The proposed computer system would cost as follows:

.dBase III+ software	\$ 135
.management software	\$0 to \$ 300
(Developed by volunteers or minimal stipend)	

The team also proposes the following hardware configuration as optimal:

.document scanner and software	\$ 700
.IBM-compatible computer	\$1,600
(386, 16 MHz)	
.4 Meg RAM	
.160 meg hard drive	
.monochrome monitor	
.printer	

No additional computer purchase is required if a current UCSU system is utilized.

The estimated total equipment cost is \$835 to \$2,735. Future legislation would be automatically integrated into the system. Catching up on the past thirty-six legislative sessions would take about 150 hours of labor (\$650 if paid).

WHEREAS: The proposed plan organizes UCSU documents; indexes documents for retrieval; frees office space; secures documents against loss, damage, alteration, etc.; and allows any student to examine the UCSU legislative record. The goal is to be able to locate any piece of past legislation by date, session, author, sponsor or topic.

SUMMARY

This resolution affirms Legislative Council support for the IS team conclusions and indicates Council intention to include support for the project in the 1993-1994 budget allocations.

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

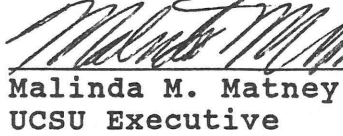
SECTION 1: The University of Colorado Student Union thanks Joe DePaemelaere, Chris Brown, Terri Fellers and Samantha Phouthavong, Professor Paul Shafer, and Professor Bonnie Buckland for their work toward UCSU legislation management.

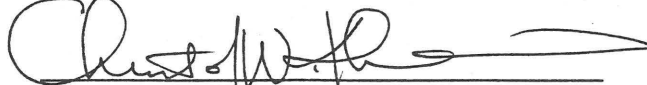
SECTION 2: The UCSU Legislative Council indicates its intention to fund completion of the Information Systems project as proposed in concept by the INFS 4660 team. Funding should come from Legislative Council balance, the ECR account or from the 1993-1994 UCSU budget.

SECTION 3: This resolution takes effect upon passage.

4/30/92-Passes as amended-Legislative Council-Special Order-Accl.


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