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University of Colorado Student Union

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A BILL

BILL HISTORY

The Women's Resource Center, as a UCSU cost center, has a dual reporting relationship to both UCSU and Student Affairs. Currently, the WRC Director reports to UCSU via the Tri-Executives and the WRC Board (which reports to UCSU Legislative Council), and to Student Affairs via the SOFO Director (who reports to the Dean of Students/Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs). The WRC (along with other cost centers) is required to generate administrative reports, plans, and related documents to both UCSU and Student Affairs. However, the current reporting structure does not adequately meet the needs of the Women's Resource Center for visibility, coordination, and advocacy within the division of Student Affairs.

This bill maintains this dual reporting relationship and the reporting structure of the WRC within UCSU, but would alter the reporting structure of the WRC within Student Affairs. The WRC Director would report directly to the Dean of Students/Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs rather than to the SOFO Director. The WRC Director would continue to report to UCSU via the UCSU Tri-Executives and the WRC Board, and the budget process and related procedures would also not change. WRC relationships with UCSU and Student Affairs would be like those of the other four Cost Centers (UMC, Wardenburg, Recreation Center, and SOFO) which currently report directly to Student Affairs. SOFO would continue to provide staff support, accounting and otherwise, to the WRC as it does currently. WRC student fee accounts would continue to be administered by this office.

This change is a request of the WRC Board intended to benefit the Women's Resource Center (and UCSU) in a number of ways. This proposal has been discussed with Jon Tsuda, SOFO Director, and has his full support.

BILL SUMMARY

The reporting change of the WRC Director from the SOFO Director to the Dean of Students/Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs will take effect upon the start of the next WRC Director, or other time jointly agreed upon by the UCSU Executives and the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. Effective upon bill passage the WRC Director will become part of the Student Affairs Directors group and attend meetings, retreats, and related events.

This bill will require the joint agreement of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs to go into effect. If it is passed by UCSU Legislative Council, a memo of understanding will be drafted by the UCSU Tri-Executives for the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs to consider.

Noting: The move of the WRC would increase visibility for the WRC. The Women’s Resource Center would have “a place at the table” along with other Student Affairs directors (including several other UCSU Cost Center directors) at meetings, retreats, etc.. This would greatly aid numerous WRC efforts including strategic planning, safety outreach, diversity programming, and capital campaigns. The WRC will no longer be invisible beneath the SOFO office in the UCSU/Student Affairs hierarchy.

Whereas: The move of the WRC would improve coordination for the WRC. Although the WRC has made significant efforts, most of them successful, to coordinate with peer programs within Student Affairs, it is difficult because of the lack of relationships developed by being a part of the same groups. The WRC could better forge partnerships aided by the working relationships developed by being a part of the Student Affairs directors group.

Whereas: The move of the WRC would enhance advocacy for gender equity/diversity. The WRC would officially represent women’s issues and gender equity concerns at the decision-making level. The WRC is the official advocacy program for campus women and is currently absent from most policy discussions and decisions.

Whereas: The move of the WRC will increase visibility and advocacy for UCSU. It would also gain more voice and advocacy at the Student Affairs directors group. While all Student Affairs administrators are advocates for students, UCSU cost center directors play a unique role as advocates because of their close working peer relationships with their boards and UCSU-proper. Both WRC and UCSU would gain more visibility within Student Affairs.

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

SECTION 1: UCSU recommends that the reporting of the WRC Director change from the SOFO Director to the Dean of Students/Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

SECTION 2: Upon passage the WRC Director will become part of the Student Affairs Directors group and attend meetings, retreats, and related events.

SECTION 3: This bill will take effect upon the beginning of the new WRC Director, or other time jointly agreed upon by the UCSU Executives and the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. This reporting structure will be re evaluated in three years. Effective upon bill passage.

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