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50 Legislative Council Bill #16

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Bill History

Recently, considerable UCSU discussion has focused on the issue of financial compensation for members of Representative Council (called Representatives; members of the Council of Colleges and Schools are called Senators). Circulating are several different schools of thought about the concept. Some feel that Representatives should be paid to ensure their accountability to the student body. Others contend pay is necessary to guarantee student access to school-wide elected Representatives. Some of those who disagree with pay argue the issue on moral grounds; Representatives should not be paid because financial compensation represents a conflict of interest.

Bill Summary

This bill establishes the accountability structure for Representative pay. Representatives have four constitutional and by-law mandated responsibilities: Representative Council attendance, joint board membership, service of four hours in the UCSU office per week and Legislative Council meeting. Representatives will receive \$50 per week for completion of their four responsibilities. If the Representative does not complete any of their duties, they will not be paid following the stipulations below. In the event the Legislative Council President or Vice-President(s) are Representatives, they will be compensated according to the structure outlined below.

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

Section 1: Representatives will be paid \$50 each week Legislative Council meets.

Section 2: Representatives must complete the following duties each week: attend their assigned joint board meeting, attend the Representative Council meeting, complete four office hours in the UCSU office and attend the Legislative Council meeting.

Section 3: Failure to complete any one of the duties listed in Section 2 will result in suspension of pay. The Legislative Council President, Legislative Council 1st Vice President and Representative Council Chair will collectively decide if a Representative has not completed their four duties, and a subsequent affirmative decision will result in suspension of pay for the week.

Section 4: Attendance at the Representative’s joint board meeting will be defined by the individual joint board membership, in compliance with UCSU regulations.

Section 5: Attendance at Representative Council will be defined by Representative Council, in compliance with UCSU regulations.

Section 6: Attendance at Legislative Council is defined as presence at both early and late roll call. The Legislative Council President will count physical proxies as present and paper proxies as not present.

Section 7: Legislation increasing Representatives’ pay may not take place for two years after the effectual beginning of this legislation; the increase then may not be greater than the Denver-Boulder CPI.

Section 8: The Legislative Council Vice President (s) will be paid \$250/mo. The Legislative Council President will be paid \$400/mo.

Section 9: The Speaker of Representative Council will no longer receive a salary.

Section 10: This bill takes effect upon the start of the 52nd Session of Legislative Council.

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