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51 Legislative Council Bill #4

**UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO
STUDENT UNION**

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Bill History

UCSU does not have a set of normal and ethical standards for the members of Legislative Council, Joint Boards, the Executive, the Executive staff, the Appellate Court and other students acting in an official capacity on behalf of UCSU. Currently the debate over student fee autonomy has raised questions about the efficiency and integrity of our student government. This debate is tied to the failure of this student government to effectively manage its student personnel. We cannot allow ourselves to continue to operate without a clear set of ethical guidelines and provisions, especially in this precarious time for student governments nationwide.

Bill Summary

This bill draws heavily upon the provisions of the most recent Executive Order (D001 99) for Executive Departments from the Governor of Colorado, dated 15 January 1999. Student, administrator, faculty, staff and public confidence in the integrity of the student government demands that all UCSU officials demonstrate the highest ethical standards at all times. Those who serve the students of the University of Colorado at Boulder must discharge their duties in an independent and impartial manner. At the same time, qualified individuals should be encouraged to serve in student government and have reasonable opportunities with all students, administrators, faculty, staff and members of the public to develop private economic and social interests. This bill strives to accomplish these ends by providing standards by which the conduct of all who serve in the University of Colorado Student Union can be measured.

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

SECTION 1: The following UCSU Code of Ethics composed of bill sections 3 through 13 is hereby adopted and applicable to all officials of the University of Colorado Student Union.

SECTION 2: All duly elected or appointed UCSU officials, hereafter referred to as "THEY," "THEM" or "THEMSELVES" including members of Legislative Council, Joint Boards, the Executive, the Executive staff, the Appellate Court and other students acting

in an official capacity on behalf of UCSU, shall be subject to the UCSU Code of Ethics, and this bill's provisions.

SECTION 3: THEY shall serve all students, administrators, faculty, staff and members of the public with respect, concern, courtesy and responsiveness.

SECTION 4: THEY shall demonstrate the highest standards of personal integrity through truthfulness, loyalty to the causes of students, kindness, thrift, courage and honesty and shall through personal conduct inspire confidence and trust in the student government.

SECTION 5: THEY shall not use their public position to bestow any preferential benefit on anyone related to THEMSELVES, by family, business or social relationship.

SECTION 6: THEY shall not disclose or use or allow others to use confidential information acquired by virtue of association with the UCSU for private gain.

SECTION 7: THEY shall not accept any compensation, gift, payment of expenses or any other thing of value which would influence THEM to depart from the faithful and impartial discharge of his or her duties.

SECTION 8: THEY shall not accept any compensation, gift, payment of expenses or any other thing of value as a reward for official action taken.

SECTION 9: THEY shall not engage in employment with a UCSU cost center unless the appropriate dispensations have been granted by the immediate granting authority. (?)

SECTION 10: THEY shall not use UCSU time, property, equipment or supplies for private gain.

SECTION 11: THEY shall not knowingly engage in any activity or business which creates a conflict of interest or has an adverse effect on the confidence of the public in the integrity of the student government.

SECTION 12: THEY shall carry out all duties as a servant of the students by exposing corruption or impropriety in student government whenever discovered.

SECTION 13: THEY shall support equal access and employment opportunities in student government for all students.

SECTION 14: Failure for a UCSU official to fulfill the UCSU Code of Ethics is grounds for investigation by the UCSU Rules Committee. The Rules Committee is solely authorized and empowered to gather all necessary information in a particular ethics investigation and make both a report of all findings and a disciplinary recommendation to Legislative Council. Or, by a 1/3 vote of the entire membership of Legislative Council, the Rules Committee may be directed to open and to pursue an investigation.

SECTION 15: The UCSU official whose behavior is in question must be allowed to meet with the Rules Committee before the committee's report and disciplinary recommendation may be made to Legislative Council.

SECTION 16: The Rules Committee report and recommendation will be taken up by Council at the next scheduled meeting as a matter of New Business.

SECTION 17: Legislative Council may decide by its own internal processes how to act upon the Rules Committee report and disciplinary recommendation. Acceptable disciplinary actions include formal censure, removal from office by the appropriate vote, or other means deemed necessary by Legislative Council in the future.

SECTION 18: The decision of Legislative Council along with any disciplinary action is final and not subject to appeal to the Appellate Court.

SECTION 19: This bill takes effect upon passage.

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