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51 Legislative Council Bill #8

**UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO
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Bill History

The following are the proposed changes to the UCSU Election Code, revised March 1999. First introduced 29 July 1999 for general review as provided by Article IV, 1.1, these amendments will go before Council for a vote on 26 August 1999. Due to the extraordinary time constraints between the last meeting of the summer semester and the first meeting of the fall semester, the Legislative Council President, instead of the Election Committee, offers these proposals.

Bill Summary

There are two major changes. Change one includes the reduction of the election period from 5 days to 3 days. UCSU did not experience significant increased turnout by leaving the polls open for a full week. We feel that it will be easier to maintain the excitement of the election by opening the polls on Monday morning at 12:01:00 a.m. and closing them Wednesday at 10:00:00 p.m. Closing the polls at 10 p.m. will also allow the Election Commission and Committee to supervise the returns without imposing the undue hour of 12:00 a.m. used in past years. Change two completely deregulates E-mail. The UCSU Election Code will reflect no regulations on a candidate's ability to use E-mail as a campaign device. Other minor changes are included.

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

SECTION 1: The UCSU Election Code, revised March 1999 will be amended according to the provisions of this bill.

SECTION 2: Article V, Section 1.1 of the UCSU Election Code will be amended to say: "Elections held during the fall semester will be held on the last Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday occurring together in October. Elections will begin on Monday at 12:00 a.m. and terminate on Wednesday at 9:59:59 p.m."

SECTION 3: Article V, Section 2.1 of the UCSU Election Code will be amended to say: "Elections during the spring semester will be held on the second Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday occurring together in April. Elections will begin on Monday at 12:00 a.m. and terminate on Wednesday at 9:59:59 p.m."

SECTION 4: Article VI, Section 8.12 of the UCSU Election Code will be amended to say: "There shall be no campaigning in any form on campus: 1. within 100 feet of a polling station established for the express purpose of voting in the UCSU Election in the University Memorial Center or other building or area; 2. Within 100 feet of an Information Technology Services (ITS) computer lab, or other University of Colorado computer lab operated by the University for the use of students, faculty or staff. This rule includes postings of any kind, speaking in favor or against a candidate, passing out literature and other campaign activities. There shall never be any campaigning in campus computer labs."

SECTION 5: Article VI, Section 8.3 of the UCSU Election Code will be amended to strike "University of Colorado Student Discipline Committee" and substitute "University of Colorado Office of Judicial Affairs"

SECTION 6: Article I, Section 3.8 of the UCSU Election Code will be amended to say in addition to the present text: "E-mail shall not be considered campaigning for the purposes of this Code. No restrictions shall be placed on a candidate or campaign associate/team's ability to use E-mail as a campaign tool." ITS, however, has strict policies about e-mail. Candidates will be expected to comply by ITS regulations concerning e-mail accounts.

SECTION 7: According to Article II, C, 2, e, of the UCSU By Laws this bill is not subject to Executive veto and does not require the affixation of Executive signature.

SECTION 8: This bill takes effect upon passage.

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