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**52 Legislative Council Bill #8**

**UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO  
STUDENT UNION**

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**Bill History**

In 1991, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed by UCSU and the Facilities Management department to apportion roles and responsibilities for managing the campus recycling effort. Even though CU's recycling program has made incremental progress since then, several recent trends pose serious concerns for the program.

CU diverts approximately 35 percent of its waste through recycling, yet is not reaching its potential of recovering 55 to 60 percent. Moreover, recycling cannot keep up with waste generation rates that are increasing as a result of additional enrollment and new campus buildings.

The program is unable to keep up with student interest. Students continue to request improvements in recycling which the program cannot fund within its existing budget. Results of a survey conducted during Fall, 1999 revealed overwhelming support for new recycling opportunities as well as increased convenience for existing recycling.

Other departments like Housing and Facilities Management are unwilling to fund the significant improvements recycling needs by themselves. Additional support from UCSU is needed to stimulate other departments' investment in recycling.

As a result of these recent trends, CU's status as the nation's leading campus recycling program is in jeopardy. Retaining this prestigious recognition along with taking advantage of upcoming opportunities in campus planning and construction has prompted an urgent prioritization of recycling which this bill is intended to address.

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**Bill Summary**

CU Recycling has developed a long-term strategy to deal with these concerns and take recycling into the future. This bill acknowledges the need for recycling and recommends specific steps student government can take to assure the long-term health of the campus recycling program.

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

**SECTION 1:**

CU Recycling shall develop a prioritized action plan, which will accomplish the following objectives:

- 1) boost recycling rates to over 50 percent,
- 2) meet student demand for new programs,
- 3) leverage additional support from other departments, and
- 4) advance CU's status as the nation's leading campus recycling program.

**SECTION 2:**

UCSU shall recommend funds be allocated for this plan over its four year duration. It will be important for future members of Legislative Council to recognize their predecessors' commitment to recycling and provide continuity in leadership and support.

**SECTION 3:**

Funding shall be contingent on annual review and approval by Finance Board and UCSU.

**SECTION 4:**

Implementation shall be in accordance with policies and procedures of the Student Organizations Finance Office, which shall provide budgetary oversight for any expenses, funded with student fees.

**SECTION 5:**

Implementation shall be in accordance with applicable codes and standards as set forth in the CU-Boulder Campus Master Plan and other relevant campus planning documents

**SECTION 6:**

CU Recycling shall deliver quarterly reports to UCSU, which detail accomplishments and progress towards the prioritized action plan.

**SECTION 6:**

This Bill shall take effect upon passage.

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