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52 Legislative Council Bill #9

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Bill History

Over the past several months, there have been a number of events funded in whole or in part using student fee monies that have concerned issues that raised questions as to whether or not student fee monies were being used for political or religious purposes in violation of the UCSU Student Fee Regulations, University regulations and Colorado law. Due to scheduling issues, some of these events could not be submitted to the UCSU Legislative Council or Finance Board for review once the potential religious or political issues were raised. When these questions have been raised, the Student Organizations Finance Office has been forced to make decisions or solicit advice in a very *ad hoc* manner. A better system of assessing these questions is needed, one that allows timely review but also allows diversity of perspectives conducting the review.

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Bill Summary

This bill creates a Student Event Funding Review Committee. The membership of this committee shall consist of one Executive and one member of the UCSU Representative Council and one member of the Council of Colleges and Schools. SOFO can call this committee to meet if an event is less than ten days from its scheduled occurrence or during semester breaks, a question is raised as to whether student fee monies would be used in violation of the portions of the Student Fee Regulations pertaining to political or religious uses of student fee monies.

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

**SECTION 1:** A Student Event Funding Review Committee shall be created.

**SECTION 2:** The Committee shall have three members; one Executive and one member of the UCSU Representative Council and one member of the Council of Colleges and Schools.

**SECTION 3:** Members of the Committee shall be appointed to serve for terms of three months' duration. The Legislative Council President Pro Tempore shall appoint the Representative Council member and the Council of Colleges and Schools member; the Executive(s) shall select their own method of appointment.

**SECTION 4:** The Director of the Student Organization Finance Office can call this committee to meet for the following purposes:

- a. To review a decision to grant student fee monies for an event, if a subsequent question is raised as to political or religious uses of student fee monies as defined in the UCSU Student Fee Regulations, before the event occurs.
- b. To determine whether granting student fee monies to an event would violate the UCSU Student Fee Regulations before such monies are granted.

**SECTION 5:** The Director of the Student Organization Finance Office can call this committee to meet under the following circumstances:

- a. The event will occur within ten calendar days.
- b. There shall not be a regularly scheduled UCSU Finance Board meeting more than five days before the event to allow the event to be reviewed by the UCSU Finance Board.

**SECTION 6:** This committee can not reverse or overturn a denial of funds decision. This committee shall have jurisdiction only for the purposes and under the circumstances defined in Sections 4 and 5 of this bill.

**SECTION 7:** Decisions of this Committee can be appealed to the UCSU Finance Board, the UCSU Legislative Council or to the UCSU Appellate Court.

**SECTION 8:** Members of the Committee can be called to testify at appeals of the decisions of the Committee.

**SECTION 9:** This bill takes effect upon passage.

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