

**THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO
STUDENT UNION**

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The University Memorial Center (UMC) programs, facilities and services are intended to provide students and the University community with a wide-range of out-of-the classroom activities and opportunities. The UMC is intended to also provide space for students to meet, organize and present programs that satisfy their common interests. The UMC is intended to be the "living room" of the University and serve as its primary gathering place. In short, the UMC and its programs and services provides the venue for these wide-ranging activities.

The UMC has not received an expansion since 1964 when 50,000 square feet were added. Since that time, the student body has nearly doubled in size and many programs and student groups are being turned away for lack of space. In calendar year 1998-99 over 9,500 requests for program space were denied for lack of space and that year many student organizations were denied office space in the UMC.

Overcrowding is a problem in every facet of the UMC. At lunchtime, many students are unable to find a seat in the existing dining room and student organizations are cramped in shared offices if they are accommodated at all.

Overcrowding has also meant that students at the University of Colorado at Boulder are denied services that are common or expected in Student Union buildings. Among these services are computer labs, mailing services, commuter services, television viewing areas, adequate copy services, retail opportunities, and a full-service banking or credit union operation.

Furthermore, the lack of meeting and conference space has meant that important revenue-generating operating services are not producing enough revenue to offset the burden on student fees for operations. The University also lacks space to provide a broader range of cultural and entertainment events which students request.

The UMC was opened in 1953. Because of the age of the building, there exist several health and safety issues and code requirements that require attention. Among these issues are asbestos abatement and fire suppression/alert systems. The UMC is also lacking other infrastructure amenities including electricity, telecommunications capabilities and heating, ventilation/ air-conditioning. These needs are severe and would be addressed by an expansion/renovation project.

Since 1994, students have assessed the need for more space in the UMC. There have been surveys, focus groups, standing committees and two charrettes, which have all insured that student input and requirements have been addressed and measured.

During the Spring 1998 elections, a referendum to obtain approval for the UMC Expansion and Renovation was run and students voted in favor of it by a 2 to 1 margin (2719 for and 1294 against). Thus, 68% of students voting in the election voted in favor of the UMC Expansion.

44 The UMC Board has voted 8-0-0 in favor of assessing the \$36.00 per student per semester fee for an
 Expansion and Renovation of the UMC.

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48 Precedence was set in 1984 during the UMC food service renovation. At that time, students supported the
 referendum with 3060 yes votes and 1090 no votes. The total number of votes, however, fell short of the
 required 25%. In spite of this, the project went underway.

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52 On April 16 and 23, 1998 the 48th Legislative Council approved Bill #9 which authorized a \$36.00 per
 student per semester fee to finance the UMC Expansion and Renovation Project. At the time, it was
 believed that this amount would be sufficient to meet the project program plan. Due to the current
 54 Colorado economy and construction boom, construction projects costs have increased significantly.
 Interest rates have also increased which have an impact on the construction bond as well as debt ratio
 56 issues. The design team has provided information which indicates that in order to meet the program plan,
 approximately an additional \$2,000,000 will need to be generated. This translates to \$4.00 of additional
 58 student fees per student per semester.

60 The UMC Board and Administration has made a commitment to launching a fundraising campaign to
 attempt to mitigate as much of the fee increase as possible. Should fundraising efforts be successful, these
 62 funds could be used to offset (reduce) the \$4.00 fee increase.

64 **BILL SUMMARY**

66 This bill authorizes the implementation of a \$40.00 per student per semester fee for the funding of the
 University Memorial Center expansion and renovation. The new fee shall be no more than \$40.00
 68 beginning when the project is substantially completed (approximately Fall 2001 for a maximum of 25
 years).

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

72 **SECTION 1:** The Legislative Council of the University of Colorado Student Union does hereby
 establish a fee for the expansion and renovation of the University Memorial Center in the amount not to
 74 exceed \$40.00 per student per semester and not to exceed 25 years.

76 **SECTION 2:** Aggressive fundraising through the CU Foundation and other sources shall be pursued.
 The goal of these fundraising activities shall be to raise \$1 million.

78 **SECTION 3:** Fundraising efforts shall be coordinated by a UMC staff member, who shall spend a
 80 substantial part of their time dedicated to fundraising.

82 **SECTION 4:** The fundraising effort shall report twice a year to Legislative Council and at least
 quarterly to UMC Board to demonstrate programs as well as a full commitment to avoid raising the fee as
 84 much as possible.

86 **SECTION 5:** This bill overrides 48 Legislative Council Bill #9.

88 **SECTION 6:** This bill shall take effect upon passage.

12-17-00	Passed 1 st Reading	11-1-1
12-24-00	Passed 2 nd Reading	14-0-1

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