

**University of Colorado Student Union
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A Bill

Bill History

In the spring of 1997, the student body passed a referendum, which funded USSA for \$0.85 per student per semester. The referendum asks for monetary support. However, the Student Union believes that financial support is not equated with all students' agreement on any particular referenda group's agenda. Therefore, it is wrong for any referenda group to claim to represent the entire student body. For example, although financial support through referenda for Crew, WAAKE-UP, and Wilderness Studies Group was awarded by the entire student body, this does not mean that all students belong to or advocate these groups. The funding given by these students is to support their fellow students in their personal endeavors, without the whole student body necessarily becoming members themselves. Likewise, it is inappropriate for USSA to claim membership and representation of the entire student body. The Legislative Council must pass this bill which identifies UCSU as the only entity that may claim full representation of all University of Colorado-Boulder students. Not only would passage of this resolution clarify the USSA issue, but would also end similar claims of representation made by groups such as WAAKE-UP.

To maintain consistency as a referendum group, it is imperative that UCSU creates a distinction between USSA and UCSU. Therefore, USSA should financially support its own phone, use its own access code to pay for its own copies, and should not use paid UCSU employees in matters *not yet* related to UCSU. Because we believe the relationship between UCSU and USSA can be extremely beneficial to both parties, we recommend agreement to share UCSU office space with USSA. Although USSA is a referendum group, UCSU should still recognize that its relationship with USSA is unique. We believe that USSA has made a significant contribution to our campus, and severing ties with them would result in a great loss.

Bill Summary

The bill would recognize UCSU as the only true representation of the University of Colorado-Boulder's entire student body. As such, the referendum group USSA would establish more fiscal independence from UCSU.

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

section 1: UCSU shall be recognized as the sole group claiming representation of the entire student body of the University of Colorado-Boulder.

section 2: On a particular issue, UCSU shall recognize groups claiming representation of the University of Colorado-Boulder student body only through due process in the Legislative Council.

section 3: USSA must financially support their own phone, acquire and use their own access code to pay for their own copies, and should not utilize paid UCSU employees for matters *not yet* related to UCSU.

section 4: Sections one and two take effect upon passage, and section three takes effect exactly twenty-one days after passage.

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3/23/00	first reading	Amended and passed 11-0-1
4/6/00	second reading	Passed 7-4-3

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