

**University of Colorado Student Union  
Legislative Council**

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**A Bill**

**Bill history**

There is currently a fundamental problem with our commissions that does not relate exclusively to L.A.C. and U.S.S.A. It is L.A.C.'s responsibility to choose which initiatives they would like U.C.S.U. to endorse. While U.C.S.U. has complete control over L.A.C. and the other commissions, U.C.S.U. has no control over U.S.S.A. except to ensure compliance with constitutional referenda policies. Therefore, our efforts are focused on fixing U.C.S.U.'s efficiency on a larger scale. After critical examination into the relationship between U.S.S.A. and U.C.S.U., we conclude that there is too great of an influence from U.S.S.A. (a referendum group) on U.C.S.U. (the group elected to represent the entire student body). This is due to over-representation of U.S.S.A. on L.A.C.. This affects all commissions, but is most pronounced in L.A.C. It is our belief that U.C.S.U. is not receiving sufficient diversity of opinion to accurately represent all students; fortunately, this is a problem that can be easily fixed. This bill will amend the U.C.S.U. By-Laws to insist upon diversity in commission appointments and to recommend that each student group shall have no more than two of its members on a particular commission. Our reasoning behind this is that, with a quorum of five, no one student or referenda group is overly represented. We do not believe that in the past this has occurred with intent to monopolize, but we would like to see more variety in commission members and issues brought to the Legislative Council. This is not meant to single out U.S.S.A. – rather, we feel it is inappropriate for *any* student group to have significant influence over U.C.S.U. Furthermore, diversity in commissions will encourage a wider range of perspectives in U.C.S.U., which strengthens U.C.S.U.'s ability to represent the entire student body.

**Bill summary**

52 Legislative Council Bill 24 amends the U.C.S.U. By-Laws to insist upon diversity in commission appointments and recommends that U.C.S.U. appoint no more than two members from a particular student organization to any commission.

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

**section 1:** Article IV, Section A, sub-section 2, points c and d of the U.C.S.U. By-Laws be amended to state the following:

- c. Representation of student and referendum groups and opinions must be diverse on U.C.S.U. commissions.
- d. It is strongly recommended that no more than two (2) students representing the same student/referendum group be appointed to the same commission.

**section 2:** Article IV, Section A, sub-section 2 of the UCSU By-Laws be amended to include points e and f which state the following:

- e. If a member of the Commission has more than three unexcused absences in a session he or she shall be subject to removal by the Commission Director. An excused absence must be approved by the Commission Director prior to the meeting that is unattended.
- f. Members shall notify the Commission of their intent to resign from the Commission at least two weeks prior to their resignation. Replacement procedures shall begin immediately after notification.

(these are just the old points c and d)

**section 3:** 52 Legislative Council Bill 24 bill takes effect upon passage.

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