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53 Legislative Council Resolution #15

| University of Colorado Student Union Legislative Council | |
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A Resolution Resolution History

In its fifty-second session, the University of Colorado Student Union Legislative Council, demonstrating its commitment to protecting gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered people from discrimination, urged that the criterion of sexual orientation be added to the University of Colorado-Boulder's anti-discrimination policy. As the policy currently reads, no such provision exists. The Student Union, as well as faculty, staff, and students, have demonstrated past commitment to eradicating campus discrimination and have long planned and fought to include the distinction of sexual orientation in the anti-discrimination policy. Faculty Council withdrew the request for consideration because of uncertainty surrounding who will become the next University president. However, regardless of such uncertainty, the University as a whole and the Student Union specifically cannot be swayed from ideals and principals they value and uphold. Condemning discrimination that is based on sexual orientation is an important step toward creating a safe and welcoming environment for all members of the University. Regents should not for any reason delay reconsideration of sexual orientation as a component of the University's anti-discrimination policy.

Resolution Summary

Whereas: the University of Colorado Student Union has continually demonstrated its commitment to diversity, and

Whereas: the fifty-second legislative Council Session passed a resolution reiterating the **importance of banning sexual orientation discrimination, and**

Whereas: not including in the University's anti-discrimination policy the criterion of sexual <u>orientation creates a</u> <u>potentially hostile environment for members of the University community</u>, **THEREFORE**, **be it resolved by the University of Colorado Legislative Council**, **THAT**:

Section I: the University of Colorado Student Union issues to the University regents a formal proclamation of encouragement for adding sexual-orientation discrimination as a component of the University's anti-discrimination policy, at their next regular meeting.

Section II: This resolution takes effect immediately upon passage.

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