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Student Union

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A Resolution
History

Discussions on a proposed honor code system began in the spring of 1999, because of student concern with the cheating that they saw going on. At that time, UCSU student leaders met with Ron Stump, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and former Dean of Students at that time. Vice Chancellor Stump gained experience with Honor Code systems while serving as Dean of Students at the University of Virginia, and offered to contact them for information on how their system was developed.

An Honor Code committee of students, faculty and Student Affairs staff was formed, including Ron Stump and Eleese Robbins, Dean of Students, Michael Grant, Associate Vice Chancellor for Undergraduate Education, Jim Sherman, Assistant Dean in the College of Engineering and Applied Science, and Tom Sebok, Director of the Ombuds Office.

Along with participation from UCSU executive and legislative branch members and the participation of several students from other groups, the members attended conferences and reviewed research on student-run Honor Code systems.

Their findings indicate that institutions employing an honor code system show significant social and academic benefits, including a reduction in academic dishonesty, an improved sense of community, and the creation of an atmosphere of trust and safety in and out of the classroom.

Based upon these findings, the Honor Code committee is seeking the student body's approval of the development and implementation of a student-run Honor Code system via electronic vote on Nov. 14-16, 2000.

Resolution Summary

Whereas, the University of Colorado Student Union remains invested in creating and maintaining a student community of honesty, integrity, and safety;

Whereas, the University of Colorado Student Union has been actively involved in the research, development, and implementation of the Honor Code and contributed to the Honor Code committee since its inception;

Whereas, the proposed student-run Honor Code system would promote an academic community in which students were trusted to hold themselves and their peers accountable to a high ethical standard of conduct;

Whereas, an effective Honor Code system requires the support of the students it serves, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the University of Colorado Student Union, **THAT:**

SECTION 1: The University of Colorado Student Union fully endorses the continued development and implementation of a student-run Honor Code system;

SECTION 2: The University of Colorado Student Union will continue its involvement in the Honor Code, including the assistance of its members in promoting the ideals of academic and personal integrity it hopes to instill,

SECTION 3: This resolution takes effect upon passage by the University of Colorado Legislative Council.

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