

UCSU Legislative Council Bill

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Bill History

The UCSU Constitution has evolved since it took effect in 1974. Over that time, a number of amendments have been made to the constitution. As these amendments have been made, internal consistency of the document has occasionally suffered. In addition, changes to UCSU practices were made in anticipation of ratification of constitutional amendments that were not adopted, but did not lead to reversion of practices. Further, a number of changes need to be made to bring the UCSU constitution into accord with recent legal developments, such as the viewpoint-neutrality standard set for referenda and other student fee uses in *Southworth v. Grebe*. Finally, some elements of the constitution have never been clear, leading to considerable unnecessary effort by the three branches of the UCSU government.

Bill Summary

This bill places a proposed new UCSU constitution on the ballot for ratification by the students. This bill also describes accompanying information on the ballot.

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

Section 1: The Spring 2001 UCSU ballot shall include the following question:

Do you approve the ratification of the proposed UCSU Constitution, to replace the UCSU Constitution currently in effect, to take effect at one minute past midnight on July 1, 2001?

() Yes () No

Section 2: The UCSU Election Commissioner shall ensure the proper attachment of this question to the Spring 2001 UCSU ballot.

Section 3: As the text of the proposed constitution is too long to place on the question itself, the information pages for the question on the I-vote system shall contain links to the current and proposed constitution; the question shall be accompanied by the following summary description:

The proposed new UCSU constitution contains the following substantive changes:

- Restructuring of referenda to bring student fee referenda into compliance with the viewpoint neutrality standard of *Southworth v. Grebe*
- Clarification of impeachment processes
- Clarification of student assemblies
- Standardization of structure of joint boards
- Establishment of the Women's Resource Center as a permanent UCSU service
- Change in base amount for local school guarantee monies that local schools may increase direct funding of student groups within their respective schools
- Adjustment in number of Appellate Court justices (fixed to number of schools in Council of Colleges and Schools)
- Establish procedure for incorporating new colleges and schools, or the termination of a college or school at this campus
- Language and style changes necessary for internal consistency of constitution

Section 4: This bill shall be adopted by the UCSU Legislative Council in accordance with the procedures for placing constitutional amendments on UCSU Election ballots.

Section 5: This bill takes effect upon passage.

Withdrawn