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A BILL

BILL HISTORY

On September 24, 1998, 49 Legislative Council Bill #8 was passed. This bill consolidates the re-visitation of the dual reporting structure for the Women's Resource Center (WRC) and the evaluation of the status of the WRC as a cost center. The bill instructs that "the funding structure and cost center status of the Women's Resource Center will be evaluated by UCSU in six years, in the fall of 2001 session." There is no date indicated for this review.

The Director of the WRC deserves to know far in advance the exact date for such a review. If a date is established now, the Director, and her colleagues if necessary, will be able to set up a specific timeline to prepare their report to the Legislative Council, rather than trying to rush to complete the report as the end of December rapidly approaches. Since the Director has known about the review requirement for years, such a rush would reflect badly upon UCSU proper.

BILL SUMMARY

49 Legislative Council Bill #8 specifies that the evaluation done by UCSU will take place in the 2001 session. The session that is entirely within 2001 is the 55th session. Therefore, the review should take place in the 55th session.

This bill establishes the date for the review as September 20, 2001. This gives ample time before the beginning of the 56th session to finish the review.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO STUDENT UNION, THAT:

SECTION 1. The Women's Resource Center shall give its report concerning its funding structure, cost center status, and dual reporting structure to UCSU on September 20, 2001, in the form of a written report and a formal presentation. UCSU shall conduct its review of the WRC as mandated in 43LCB#12 and 49LCB#8 at this time. The review will be conducted by the Legislative Council, and will include an audit of the complete WRC financial records, conducted by the University auditing service.

SECTION 2. The Director of the WRC will be primarily responsible for the report. She may ask for the assistance of her staff in giving the report, should she feel it to be necessary.

SECTION 3. UCSU proper also reserves the right to conduct an additional, parallel review independent of WRC staff.

SECTION 4. If UCSU does not meet on Thursdays in the fall of 2001, the review shall take place during the week of September 17, 2001.

SECTION 5. This bill takes effect upon passage.