

**UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO
STUDENT UNION**

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Senator Compensation

Bill History

There has been discussion among the UCSU Legislative Council members regarding financial compensation of Senators. Serving the student body on the UCSU can be very demanding and time consuming. Student Leaders sacrifice time and energy that could otherwise be directed towards academics and employment. Currently, Representatives are financially compensated by the UCSU, while Senators (Council of College and School Representatives) are to be paid by the Council of College and Schools Governments. College and School Governments do not have available funds to financial compensate Senators. This limits student involvement in many ways. Furthermore, requiring Senator Seats to be elected by their Local College and School Constituencies to receive financial compensation, gives Colleges and Schools incentive to implement such processes. This further legitimizes the UCSU, particularly the Council of Colleges and Schools, as a deliberative assembly serving the campus-wide student body.

Bill Summary

This bill mandates identical financial compensation to the UCSU Legislative Council Senators and the UCSU Legislative Council Representatives for the work done in the interests of the student body. Like Representatives, Senators share Constitutional and Bylaw mandated responsibility and should therefore be compensated upon the completion of those responsibilities, upon the current stipulation that Senators also elect to hold two additional weekly office hours. UCSU Senators are currently required to:

1. Hold a minimum of two office hours either at their Local College or School, or at the UCSU office;
2. Attend Local College and School Student Government meetings;
3. Submit Regular e-time reports;
4. Submit brief oral reports concerning their College or School no less than monthly; and
5. Submit a written report detailing the activities of the Senator's college or school at the end of the legislative session.

If the Senator does not complete any of their duties, they will not be paid following the stipulations below.

Senators must also be elected by the constituency of their local school or college to be eligible for financial compensation from the UCSU.

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

SECTION 1: Senator Seat shall be defined as the collective individual or individuals elected or appointed by a Council of College and Schools Government to serve on the Council of Colleges and Schools and the University of Colorado Student Union Legislative Council.

SECTION 2: Senator Seats shall be eligible for financial compensation for serving on the UCSU, only if they are elected by their constituency or representatives of such as defined by their college or school constitution and bylaws.

SECTION 3: Senator Seats and Representatives at Large shall receive equal financial compensation from the UCSU, excepting financially compensated officer positions.

SECTION 4: No member of the UCSU will receive financial compensation from more than one Student Fee Supported Government, nor will any member of the UCSU receive double financial compensation for multiple offices held within the UCSU and within other governments funded by the UCSU.

SECTION 5: A Senator seat which receives financial compensation from its local government shall not receive financial compensation from UCSU proper.

SECTION 6: Senator Seats shall complete responsibilities as stated in the UCSU Constitution and Bylaws to remain eligible to receive financial compensation.

SECTION 7: Senator Seats shall hold the same number of office hours that Representatives at Large are required as stated in the UCSU Constitution and Bylaws to remain eligible to receive financial compensation. Senators reserve the right to hold their office hours at their Local College or School, or at the UCSU Office within the UCSU Constitutional and Bylaw restrictions.

SECTION 8: Legislative Council President, Legislative Council 1st Vice President and the Council of College and Schools Chair will collectively decide if a Senator has not completed their duties, and a subsequent affirmative decision will result in suspension of pay for the week. The decision can be appealed to Legislative Council.

SECTION 9: Attendance at the Senator's Local College of Council and Schools Government, shall be defined by the Local College of Council and Schools Government, in compliance with the UCSU regulations.

SECTION 10: Attendance at Legislative Council is defined as presence at both early and late roll calls. The Legislative Council President will count physical proxies as present and paper proxies as not present.

SECTION 11: This bill takes effect when the 57th Legislative Council Session first convenes.

Sponsors

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