

University of Colorado
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BILL HISTORY

The University of Colorado Student Union has two funding bodies that directly allocate student fees to campus student groups that have a registered account with the Student Organizations Finance Office (SOFO). These allocations come from Legislative Council Central Reserve for travel and special events serving the students campus-wide. Allocations and expenditures are Secondary Measures and usually require two readings by either CCS or Representative Council. These two readings are meant to ensure that no legislation passed violates the UCSU Student Fee Regulations. We have also adopted additional measures to prevent any such violations. The President Pro Tempore is required to sign all passed legislation to make certain that no proposal is in conflict with any regulation of UCSU [SFR 2.1 (b)]. This session two such violations have occurred in contradiction to the above mentioned process. Included in the student fee regulations are stipulations for travel policies. SFR Section 6.3.3 (c iv) specifically state that the maximum allocation for any trip shall be eight-hundred and fifty dollars. This includes any combination of funds allocated from the multiple student fee sources (CCS, Rep, ASSG).

On July 11, 2002 Representative Council passed 57 RCB #3 which allocated five-hundred dollars to the Student American Bar Association for travel expenditures associated with attending a meeting in Washington. On that same date, the Council of Colleges and Schools allocated five hundred dollars the previously mention student group for the same travel event (57 CCSB #4). The Second violation occurred on July 11, 2002 with the passage of 57 RCB #2 which gave five-hundred dollars to Education, Middle East and Truth. Again, on July 11, 2002 57 CCSB #3 allocated an additional five-hundred dollars to this same group. Both of the bills allocated a total amount of one-thousand dollars to each of the said student groups. These clearly violate the UCSU SFRs. The document does provide specific sanctions for any violation of the regulations. SFR section 5.3 requires that the illegal expenditures be reimburse to the funding body and the Director of SOFO is authorized to confiscate any unauthorized purchases, and Legislative Council can choose to freeze any future funding to the groups in violation.

These expenditures are to be controlled in multiple avenues. First, the sponsor of the bill is responsible for communicating the regulations to the student group seeking funding. Then there is two readings of each bill. Next the Legislative Council President is obligated to ensure the enforcement of UCSU policies and regulations within legislation. Lastly, SOFO is required to report any perceived violations to the appropriate authorities within UCSU and not process these accounts until proper recourse has been taken. It is not prudent to punish student groups for accessing student fee monies which have been consciously allocated to them by the UCSU. Any sanctions taken at this point against student groups would only emphasize the UCSU Proper's lack to attend to detail, and further legitimize the enforcement of our Student Fee Regulations.

BILL SUMMARY

This bill officially recognizes that UCSU has been haphazardly enforcing the Student Fee Regulations. The Student Bar Association and Education, Middle East and Truth Student groups have unconsciously violated

a funding regulation due to UCSU Proper's inadequacies as a bureaucratic agent. The Legislative Council officially recognizes the problem pertaining to enforcement of regulations and formally exempts the two said student groups from any such ramifications that are pursuant to violation sanctions.

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

Section 1: ~~The council formally acknowledges UCSU Proper's inadequacy in enforcing student fee policies~~ The Legislative Council formally acknowledges UCSU Proper's lack of general oversight in enforcing student fee policies.

Section 2: USCUC formally relinquishes the Student Bar Association and Education, the Middle east and Truth student groups from sanctions that are outlined in the Student Fee Regulations pertaining to travel expenditure limits.

SPONSOR'S SIGNATURE

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