

# University of Colorado Student Union

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## University of Colorado Student Union Constitutional Amendment Proposal

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### BILL HISTORY

As it is very difficult to amend the Constitution of the University of Colorado Student Union, throughout the years, many of UCSU's current practices have evolved and are no longer congruent with the document. As the lack of congruency and clarity may cause disruptions, it is wise to correct such inconsistencies where possible.

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### BILL SUMMARY

Upon adoption, this bill would place an amendment to the Constitution of the University of Colorado Student Union before the electorate of students on the next eligible general election. The proposed amendment would amend the Constitution to reflect the current titles in use for various UCSU offices, offer clarification in regards to the Presiding Officer of the Finance Board, modify the current requirement that the Legislative Council and both houses have meetings on alternating weeks during summer months, modify the Air Board, so that it is a Governing Joint Board and not two advisory boards, and corrects minor grammatical and punctuation errors.

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

**Section 1:** At the next General UCSU Election, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of the University of Colorado Student Union shall be placed on the ballot for the adoption or rejection by the membership of the University of Colorado Student Union. In the event that the measure receives a majority of affirmative votes, but does not obtain the minimum vote for adoption, the measure shall again be put forth before the Student Union on each

subsequent General UCSU Election until adopted, defeated by electorate majority, or otherwise disposed of by a majority of the UCSU Legislative Council.

**Section 2:** The title of the amendment shall read: “AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO STUDENT UNION REVISING THE CONSTITUTION TO BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT SENSIBLE PRACTICE & DISPOSING OF OBSOLETE PROVISIONS.

**Section 3:** The Proposed Full Amendment shall read:

*Shall Article II § A.1. of the UCSU Constitution be amended by striking “The Executive shall consist of a President and at least one Vice-President, or some other designated form.” and replaced by inserting “The Executive or Executives shall consist of either a Chief Executive and an Associate Executive, three Tri-Executives or some other designated form.”*

*and shall Article II § C.4. be amended by striking “Appointment of a Finance Director to chair the Joint Finance Board.” and replaced by inserting “Appointment of the Finance Joint Board Chair.”*

*and shall Article II § D. of the UCSU Constitution be amended by Striking the phrase “Vice-President” and inserting “Vice President” as well as striking the phrase “President Pro-Tempore” and inserting “President.”*

*and shall Article III § A.3 a of the UCSU Constitution be amended by striking “Meetings shall be held bi-monthly during the first and third week of each month, except during the Fall and Spring semesters, when Council shall meet every week.” and be replaced by inserting “Meetings shall be held weekly during the spring and fall semesters but shall meet no less than fortnightly during summer sessions. Meetings shall not be held when the University is not in session.”*

*and shall Article III § A.3. of the UCSU Constitution be amended by striking the phrase “Vice-President” and replaced by inserting the phrase “Vice President” as well as striking the words, “Pro-Tempore.”*

*and shall Article III § B.3 a. of the UCSU Constitution be amended by striking “Meetings shall be bi-monthly during the second and fourth week of each month.” and replaced by inserting “When the University is in session, the Representative Council shall meet no less than fortnightly.”*

*and shall Article III § C.1. of the UCSU Constitution be amended by striking the word “member” and inserting “Senator.”*

*and shall Article III § C.4. of the UCSU Constitution be amended by striking “Meetings shall be held bi-monthly during the fist and third week of each month, except during the Fall and Spring semesters, when Council shall meet every week.” and inserting “Meetings shall be held weekly during the spring and fall semesters but shall meet no less than fortnightly during summer sessions. Meetings shall not be held when the University is not in session.”*

*and shall Article VII § E.7. of the UCSU Constitution be amended to read “The Finance Board Chair shall be appointed by the Executive as provided for in this Constitution. The Finance Board Chair must be ratified by two-thirds of the Legislative Council.”*

*And shall Article VII § F.1.d. of the UCSU Constitution be amended by striking “A chairperson – the Finance Director –” and replaced with “The Finance Board Chair.”*

*and shall Article VII § F.1.e. of the UCSU Constitution shall be amended to read, “There shall also be a UCSU Director of Finance whose specific duties shall be defined in the manner of Executive Staff who shall serve on the Finance Board ex officio.”*

*and shall a new section of the UCSU Constitution be inserted after § K. of Article VII to read:*

*The Air Board*

- 1. The Air Board shall include 9 students.*

- a. One to be chosen by the Executive from the Representative Council. The Legislative Council must approve this choice.
  - b. Four to be appointed by the Legislative Council.
  - c. Four to be appointed by the Air Board with Legislative Council ratification.
2. The Air Board may include two non-students, making the total voting membership of the board eleven.
3. The duties and responsibilities of the board shall be:
- a. To submit a Radio budget with the cooperation of the General Managers to the Finance Board.
  - b. To set policy and review budgetary matters of the radio station within priorities established by the Legislative Council.

and shall Article VII § L. of the UCSU Constitution be amended to read, “All Joint Boards shall establish bylaws to govern their own operations. These bylaws shall not supersede the provisions of this Constitution or that of the UCSU Legislative Council.”

and shall Article VIII of the UCSU Constitution be stricken from the UCSU Constitution.

and shall Article X § C.3.a. of the UCSU Constitution be amended by striking “hi/her/their”[sic] and inserting “their.”

and shall Article XI § A.1. of the UCSU Constitution be amended by striking “his/her” with “a Representative’s.”

and shall Article XI § A.1. of the UCSU Constitution be amended by striking the word “placement” and inserting “replacement.”

and shall the UCSU Constitution be amended throughout striking all cases and mention of “By-laws” or “by-laws” with the applicable “Bylaws” or “by-laws.” ?

**Section 4:** The Proposed Short Amendment shall read:

“Shall the Constitution of the University of Colorado Student Union be amended so that all office titles are modified to current sensible practice, so that the Presiding Officer of the Finance Board is clarified, so that Legislative Council meetings need not be held during alternating weeks from the House meetings during Summer months, so that the Air Board is made a Joint Board and the other non functioning Advisory Air Boards dissolved and so that a grammar and punctuation errors are corrected?”

**Section 5:** Upon this amendments adoption by the membership of the University of Colorado Student Union, the UCSU Finance Board is hereby instructed to revise the Finance Board Bylaws to comply with the UCSU Constitution.

**Section 6:** This bill takes effect upon adoption by two-thirds presenting and voting of the UCSU Legislative Council.

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**SPONSOR’S SIGNATURE**

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE**

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