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74<sup>th</sup> Legislative Council Bill # 04 — Graduate Student Fees

University of Colorado Student Government

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**A Bill to Redefine the Categorization of Graduate Students for Collection of Student Fees**

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**Bill History**

In 2000, 53LCB09 was passed which made several changes in the categorization of students for collection of student fees. Section 3 C. states that:

1. Graduate students shall be assessed full UCSU fees until completion of 30 credit hours.
2. For all semesters of enrollment after the completion of 30 credit hours, graduate students shall be assessed UCSU base fees.

Previous to 53LCB09, the designation of pre-doctoral candidacy and post-doctoral candidacy were used to determine whether or not graduate students were assessed full CUSG fees or base CUSG fees. Pre-doctoral candidates were assessed full CUSG fees and post-doctoral candidates were assessed base CUSG fees.

Although the bill was passed in 2000, this part of the bill was never implemented because of lack of funding for integration into the billing system. In Fall 2010, with the employment of the new billing system, 53LCB09 Section 3 C. was finally enacted.

This enactment was not accounted for during budgeting for the 2010-2011 fiscal year and has lead to an undercollection of student fees amounting to ~ \$420,000.

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**Bill Summary**

This bill seeks to amend 53LCB09 Section 3 C: Graduate Fees.

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

**Section 1:** This bill repeals and nullifies 53LCB09 Section 3 C: Graduate Fees which states:  
“**Section 3 C. Graduate Student Fees** (applies to graduate students not in Law School):  
1. Graduate students shall be assessed full UCSU fees until completion of 30 credit hours.  
2. For all semesters of enrollment after the completion of 30 credit hours, graduate students shall be assessed UCSU base fees.

**Section 2:** This bill appends a new Section 3 C: Graduate Fees, which states:  
“**Section 3 C. Graduate Student Fees** (applies to graduate students not in Law School):  
1. Graduate students shall be assessed full CUSG fees while having the status of A, B, C and E. This designation is determined by the student’s department and relayed to the bursar’s office.  
a. A status is defined as a Master’s student that is registered for coursework and/or Master’s thesis hours.  
b. B status is defined as a Master’s student that is registered for “candidate for degree” course # 6940-6949.  
c. C status is defined as a Doctoral student that is Pre-Comprehensive Exam and registered for coursework or coursework/dissertation hour combination.  
d. E status is defined as a Doctoral student that is Pre-Comprehensive Exam and registered for dissertation hours only.  
2. For all semesters of enrollment with the designation of status D, graduate students shall be assessed CUSG base fees.  
a. D status is defined as a Doctoral student that is Post-Comprehensive Exam and registered for 3 or 5+ dissertation hours as required by Graduate School Rules.

**Section 3:** This bill takes effect upon final passage by Legislative Council and upon either obtaining the signatures of the CUSG Legislative Council President and Executives or the lapse of six days without action by the Executives.

	<b>Vote Count</b>	
<b>01/27/2011</b>	<b>Passed on 1<sup>st</sup> reading</b>	<b>Acclamation</b>
<b>02/03/2011</b>	<b>Amended and passed on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading</b>	<b>Acclamation</b>

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