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75LCB07 — Student Fee Regulations Update

University of Colorado Student Government

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A Bill to Update the Student Fee Regulations

Bill History

The purpose of the Student Fee Regulations as defined in Section 1.1 is: “to provide a single document with fiscal rules for all the University of Colorado Student Government (CUSG) areas and student groups funded by mandatory or optional student fees to follow in all financial matters...”

The student fee regulations should be reevaluated each year to make sure they are in compliance with applicable Federal, State, and University policies. An in-depth evaluation has not occurred for many years. It is for this reason that the Student Fee Regulations are in dire need of a comprehensive update.

In the current Student Fee Regulations it is difficult to determine which rules come from Federal or State law, or University fiscal policies. The proposed changes should help to clarify which regulations are from laws and which are University fiscal policies. University Counsel was consulted to ensure the changes are correct. Also, the University has elected to no longer follow the State Fiscal Rules and has created their own University Fiscal Rules, so this reference was corrected.

This bill also defines and lists our current cost centers, clarifies policies, and reevaluates current Student Fee Regulation policies. These changes stem from working with student leaders who regularly use the Student Fee Regulations and have found certain policies are not made clear within the regulations.

Bill Summary

This bill seeks to amend the Student Fee Regulations and to repeal and nullify 62LCB11 Section 1.

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

Section 1: Repeal and nullify Student Fee Regulations 1.2, which states:

“1.2 State Law

The student fees are considered state funds. The state fiscal rules, procurement policies, University of Colorado Accounting Office policies, and Procedures and Guidelines for use of University Facilities apply to student fee expenditures. Any student fee regulation within this document which has this symbol ♦ has been written in accordance with state laws or other policies which supersede the regulations in all matters. Regulations with this symbol may not be changed.”

and appends a new Student Fee Regulations 1.2, which states:

“1.2 Federal, State, and University Laws and Policies

The student fees are considered state funds. The federal law, state law, procurement policies, University of Colorado Accounting Office policies, and Procedures and Guidelines for use of University Facilities apply to student fee expenditures. Any student fee regulation within this document which has this symbol ♦ has been written in accordance with federal law and which has this symbol • has been written in accordance to state laws. Rules without a symbol are written in accordance with the University Fiscal Rules.

Changes the title of 2.3.1 ♦Discrimination to:

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Changes the title of 2.3.2 ♦Political to:

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Changes the title of 2.3.5 ♦Luxury Items to:

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Changes the title of 4.2.1 ♦Interdepartmental Orders and Invoices (IN) to:

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Changes the title of 4.2.2 ♦Departmental Purchase Orders (DPO's) and Purchase Orders (POs) to:

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Changes the title of 4.2.3 ♦Standing Purchase Orders (SPOs) to:

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Changes the title of 6.1 ♦Purpose and Responsibility to:

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Changes the title of 6.3.1 ♦Travel Arrangements to:

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Changes the title of 6.3.2 ♦Justification for CUSG Travel to:

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Changes the title of 6.3.4.A ♦Principles for Use of Motor Pool Vehicles to:

6.3.4.A Principles for Use of Motor Pool Vehicles

Changes the title of 6.3.5 ♦Use of Privately Owned Automobile to:

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Changes the title of ♦9.3.1.B to:

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Section 2: Repeal and nullify Student Fee Regulations 1.4.2, which states:

“1.4.2 Optional

Optional student fees are defined as monies that are voluntarily contributed by students in support of a specific purpose. Club sports are supported by optional student fees but are required to follow the Student Fee Regulations.”

and appends a new Student Fee Regulations 1.4.2, which states:

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Optional student fees are defined as monies that are voluntarily contributed by students in support of a specific purpose. Collegiate Club Sports, Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Resource Center, and Program Council VIP Pass optional student fees (student opportunity fees) are required to follow the Student Fee Regulations.

Section 3: Adds section 1.6 Cost Centers and 1.6.1, which states:

“1.6 Cost Centers

A cost center is defined as student resource center which participates in the CUSG’s annual budget cycle and follows the student fee regulations.”

“1.6.1 The current cost centers are:

- Cultural Events Board
- CUSG Proper (Student Group Funding Board and DSB are under CUSG Proper)
- Environmental Center
- GLBTQ Resource Center
- KVCU

- Legal Services
- Off-Campus Housing/Neighborhood Relations
- Recreation Services
- Student Organizations Finance Office
- Student Outreach and Retention Center for Equity
- University Memorial Center (Program Council and CU NightRide are under the UMC)
- Volunteer Resource Center
- Wardenburg Health Center
- Women's Resource Center"

Section 4: Repeal and nullify Student Fee Regulations 2.3.2, which states:

“2.3.2 ♦Political

Fees may not be used in support of or opposition to political candidates, political parties, and ballot issues or for programs related to political campaigning. Requests for student fee support of partisan political activities will not be entertained. Political organizations, being those organizations that are generally regarded as a part of a political party, may be funded only for activities not related to their political functions. Fees may be used to provide a forum for open discussion of political issues. Fees may also be used to lobby for political issues, which are directly within CUSG's areas of official concern, i.e. educational funding, financial aid, or student life. This definition covers all areas from the local to the federal level.”

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Section 5: Repeal and nullify Student Fee Regulations 2.3.3.A.i., which states:

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The funding source will attempt not to fund proposals for events scheduled elsewhere in the area, unless it provides a unique opportunity to campus.”

and appends a new Student Fee Regulations 2.3.3.A.i, which states:

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The funding source will attempt not to fund proposals for an event on campus in which

there is a duplicate event that is scheduled within a 30 mile radius of the University, unless it provides a unique opportunity to campus.”

Section 6: Repeal and nullify Student Fee Regulations 2.3.4.A.i., which states:

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The above was amended to state: In rare circumstances, the President or Chair of the funding body they oversee may waive this provision for a particular event deemed to be beneficial for all students. These Presidents and Chairs include the President of Legislative Council, the Speaker of Representative Council, the Speaker of the Council of Colleges and Schools or the Chair of the Cultural Events Board.

Section 7: Adds section 2.3.4.E to the Student Fee Regulations, which states:

“2.3.4.E Student fee-funded events must be free to all students (all cost centers and their subsidiaries are exempt).”

Section 8: Repeals and nullifies 62LCB11 Section 1, which states:

“**Section 1:** The UCSU cost centers shall be exempted from provisions which limit the number of student fee sources that may be used for a single event.”

Section 9: Repeal and nullify Student Fee Regulations 2.4.1.A, which states:

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These include: Student Group Funding Board, Legislative Council, Representative Council, the Council of Colleges and Schools, Arts and Sciences Student Government, and other Local Schools Governments.”

and appends a new Student Fee Regulations 2.4.1.A, which states:

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These include but are not limited to: Student Group Funding Board, Legislative Council,

Representative Council, the Council of Colleges and Schools, Arts and Sciences Student Government, other Local Schools Governments, and all cost centers.”

Section 10: Repeal and nullify Student Fee Regulations 3.2, which states:

“3.2 Finance Board Chair

The Finance Board Chair, along with the Executives, is directly responsible for overseeing student fee monies. Along with the Director of SOFO, the Finance Board Chair is responsible for maintaining close and competent supervision of the Student Fee accounts. Finance Board Chair acts as the financial advisor to the Executives, ensures compliance with these regulations, and makes recommendations to Legislative Council on the annual budget.”

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Section 11: Repeal and nullify Student Fee Regulations 3.4.2, which states:

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The SOFO has a responsibility to educate and guide student groups in regard to fiscal regulations. The Director of SOFO has the responsibility of meeting each spring with the new and outgoing Executive, Finance Director, to review the fiscal regulations and responsibilities of CUSG. The Assistant to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs should also be included if the individual so desires.

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Section 12: Repeal and nullify Student Fee Regulations 6.1.2, which states:

“6.1.2 Use of Public Funds

This section is in compliance with the State of Colorado Fiscal Rules (Chapter 1, Section 1-1.5), University travel policies, and the CUSG Constitution.”

and appends a new Student Fee Regulations 6.1.2, which states:

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Section 13: Repeal and nullify Student Fee Regulations 6.2.1, which states:

“6.2.1. Applicability

These regulations apply to all elected and appointed officials of the CUSG, and to all students whose travel expenses are reimbursed by mandatory or optional student fee monies.”

and appends a new Student Fee Regulations 6.1.2, which states:

“6.2.1. Applicability

These regulations apply to all students whose travel expenses are reimbursed by mandatory or optional student fee monies (cost centers are exempt as the already follow University travel policies).”

Section 14: Repeal and nullify Student Fee Regulations 6.3.3.C.vii, which states:

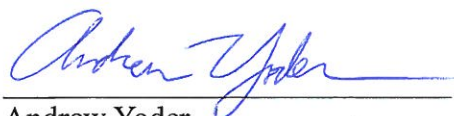
“6.3.3.C.vii

Travel by CUSG Proper personnel on CUSG business shall be exempt from certain provisions in this Section.”

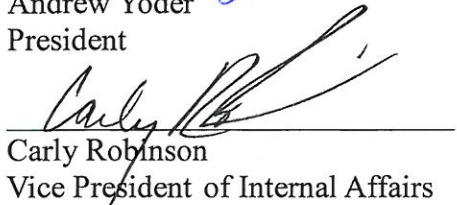
Section 15: This bill takes effect upon final passage by Legislative Council and upon either obtaining the signatures of the CUSG Legislative Council President and Executives or the lapse of six days without action by the Executives.

Vote Count

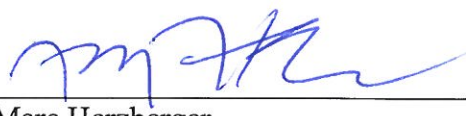
11/17/2011	Amended Sections 2 and 6	Acclamation
11/17/2011	Passed on 1st reading	Acclamation
12/01/2011	Amended	Acclamation
12/01/2011	Passed on 2nd reading	Acclamation



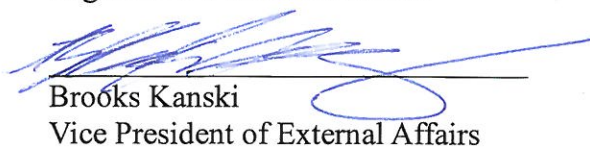
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