

**University of Colorado Student Government
Legislative Council**

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77LCB06 – Student Group Accountability

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A Bill to Introduce Student Group Accountability

Bill History

Currently the University of Colorado Boulder is unique in its lack of accountability for student groups. The following are some abbreviated examples of events conducted by student groups in the past which demonstrate the necessity of a student group accountability structure: student groups have created racist posters/publications, used illegal drugs on public transportation, promoted photos of underage students drinking on the student group's website, and lied about the use of university vehicles.

Bill Summary

As the primary source of funding for student groups and a supervising entity of the Student Organizations Finance Office, through which all student groups, including Affiliated, Independent, Club Sports, and Registered Fraternal Organizations (RFOs) are registered, it is the responsibility of CUSG to implement an accountability structure. The purpose of this bill is to hold student groups who have violated the University Code of Conduct or other University policies or city, county, state, or federal laws accountable. The purpose of this bill is to outline this structure and the appeal process it entails.

Whereas, there is not a firm accountability structure for student groups registered through the SOFO in place as of 13 July 2012, 77LCB07 shall introduce an accountability structure;

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED:

Section 1: The Director of the Student Organizations Finance Office (SOFO) or Assistant Director of the Student Organizations Finance Office will notify the student group — at

the request of a representative from the Division of Student Affairs, through referral, or at SOFO's own discretion — that a potential violation of the University Code of Conduct or University policy or of city, county, state, or federal laws has occurred. The leaders of the student group will then be called in for a meeting with representatives of the SOFO. SOFO representatives will ask the student group for their interpretation of the event before deciding whether the potential violation by the student group is actionable.

Section 2: The SOFO may, at its discretion, choose how a student group will be held accountable for the actions committed by their members or their leadership. Punitive measures may include suspending the affiliation of the student group for a given amount of time and freezing a Student Group's SOFO account. If a punitive measure is implemented in response to a violation, SOFO must file a brief summary with the Tri-Executive who sits on the appeals board and the CUSG office support staff no later than 72 hours after the decision is finalized. A copy must also be sent to the student group leaders.

Section 3: If the student group feels the decision of the SOFO was unjustified, the Student Group may appeal the decision to a committee made up of the Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, the Legislative Council President and a Tri-Executive. The Tri-Executive must remain the same person throughout the academic year to provide consistency on the board. It is recommended that the Internal Vice President sit on this Appeals Board. The appeal must be filed with the Tri-Executive and CUSG office support staff no later than two weeks after the decision is made by the SOFO.

Section 4: If the student group's action is a potential violation of the Student Fee Regulations, the process to be followed is the procedure for violations outlined in the Student Fee Regulations.

Section 5: This accountability structure will apply to student groups, while any personal actions involved in the incident may also be referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

Section 6: Because they already have internal accountability measures in place, Club Sports and Registered Fraternal Organizations are exempt from sections 1, 2, 3 and 5. Student Fee Regulations still apply.


Section 7: This bill shall take effect upon passage by the Legislative Council and upon either obtaining the signatures of two Tri-Executives or the lapse of six days without action by the Tri-Executives.

Vote Count

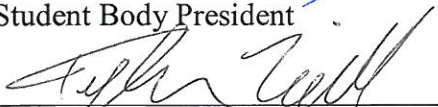
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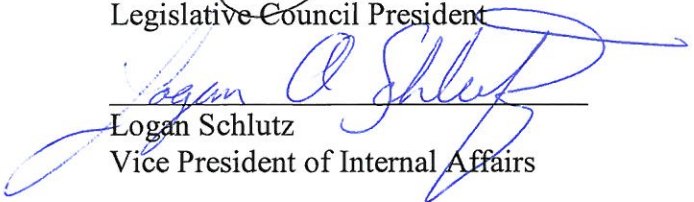
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