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77LCB20-Fair Access and Equality (Bill to Amend the SFRs) Bill

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Fair Access and Equality Bill

Bill History

In 2007 the university created a Registered Fraternal Organization Policy Agreement (RFOA) that applied to sororities, fraternities, and multicultural Greeks. The RFOA at the time was accepted by sororities, but fraternities chose to separate because the RFOA required them to defer recruitment until spring semester and to have a full-time live-in house director for all houses regardless of size. The sororities were later forced to re-negotiate the terms of their agreement because of the effects of the agreement upon their organizations. While this has been a standing UCB policy since 2007, CUSG has adopted this policy for itself.

Bill Summary

This bill will make Cost Centers, which are supported by student fees, more accessible to students who pay student fees and who have measures in place to be financially and judicially accountable. This bill is not meant to interfere with communication and/or negotiations between the IFC and the Office of Student Affairs in conjunction with the Office of the Chancellor about the status of IFC affiliation nor is this bill meant to provide the IFC and its membership a loophole to access privileges denied to those fraternal organizations who have not signed the RFOA. Rather, this bill will make cost centers and their fee-supported services, more accessible to the students that support them, and encourage continued dialogue between the university and the IFC.

This bill will clarify the rights of RFOs (i.e. Panhellenic and its associate members, and the MGC and its associate members) to apply for event funding, and ensure their equal access to cost centers and their fee-supported services, at student rates. This bill will also clarify the ability of Panhellenic and its associate members, and the MGC and its associate members to apply for event funding so long as the event is in compliance with the guidelines set out in the CUSG Student Fee Regulations and university policy.

Definitions:

1. *Greek Community*: The term “Greek Community” shall include the following stakeholders: students, alumni, and inter/national organizations.ⁱ
2. *Registered Fraternal Organization*: The term “Registered Fraternal Organization” is the campus organization only. The chapter’s membership shall, for the purposes of this statement, include its undergraduate “active” members and “new” members who are currently paying membership dues to the Chapter and are in good standing.ⁱⁱ
3. *IFC*: The governing council of the men’s fraternities whose members are students of the University of Colorado.ⁱⁱⁱ
4. *Fraternities*: Private, autonomous members of the IFC that are devoted to the personal and collective needs of its members; organizations dedicated to individual values, respect and responsibility to the university and the community, the pursuit of excellence and lifelong friendships. Fraternities status with the IFC is defined as follows:

- 4.1. *Full Member*: Any chapter whose national organization is a member of the North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) and has completed the following requirements shall be considered as Full Members: ^{iv}
 - 4.1.1. Have been an associate member of the IFC for at least one semester;
 - 4.1.2. Be chartered at all times by a(n) inter/national fraternity;
 - 4.1.3. Give a formal presentation on the progress of the chapter to the IFC, containing but not limited to the following:
 - 4.1.3.1. A financial report (dues from members, alumni support, etc.);
 - 4.1.3.2. Philanthropic contributions and participation in the Boulder Greek community, the Boulder community at large, and campus activities;
 - 4.1.3.3. A detailed description of local and national alumni involvement and advisement;
 - 4.1.3.4. A detailed plan of present and future housing for the chapter
 - 4.1.3.5. A detailed plan for formal and informal recruitment accompanied by an outline of your new member education;
 - 4.1.3.6. A detailed layout of the chapter's risk management policy; and
 - 4.1.3.7. Have followed and abided by all IFC rules and regulations while an Associate Member and be current in all financial obligation to the IFC;.
 - 4.1.4. Compile a report of the chapter's grade point average (GPA), which must be equal to, or greater than, the CU all-fraternity undergraduate GPA, through the IFC; and
 - 4.1.4.1. Receive a 2/3 vote of the entire voting membership of IFC
- 4.2. *Associate Members*: A fraternity that is invited to colonize by the IFC. Its chapter must fulfill the following requirements, providing written proof of fulfillment of the requirements:
 - 4.2.1. Be an interest group for at least one semester
 - 4.2.2. Have a minimum of 20 members;
 - 4.2.3. Have an active, trained chapter advisor who is actively involved with both chapter leadership and members;
 - 4.2.4. Establish a housing corporation, if the chapter is housed, and an alumni advisory board, with not less than 3 members each;
 - 4.2.5. Give a formal presentation to the IFC that explains the interest group's record of achievement during the past semester;
 - 4.2.6. Submit a packet consisting of programs for membership, leadership, and local alumni support;
 - 4.2.7. Have followed and abided by all IFC rules and regulations while an interest group;
 - 4.2.8. Compile an interest group GPA through the IFC; and
 - 4.2.9. Receive a 2/3 vote of the entire voting membership of the IFC.
- 4.3. *Interest Groups*: A fraternity that has presented to the IFC a plan for colonization, including a letter of intent of colonization from a sponsoring national fraternity. ^v
5. *MGC*: The Multicultural Greek Council is the umbrella organization which oversees the 8 multicultural Greek organizations at CU-Boulder. These organizations include providing students with exciting opportunities to develop sisterhood/brotherhood, leadership skills, cultural awareness, solid academic scholarship, and to participate in service to the community. ^{vi}

6. *Panhellenic*: The CU Panhellenic Council is the umbrella organization for the 9 National Panhellenic Conference sororities chartered at CU, and is responsible for organizing activities of mutual concern and interest to all the Panhellenic sororities on campus.^{vii}
7. *Sororities/Traditional Women's Fraternities*: The autonomous individual members of Panhellenic Council who stand for good scholarship, the guarding of good health, for maintenance of fine standards, and for serving, to the best of their ability, the college community. Sororities, as fraternity women, stand for service through the development of character inspired by the close contact and deep friendship of individual fraternity and Panhellenic life.^{viii}
8. *RFOA*: The term RFOA shall refer to the Registered Fraternal Organization Agreement which parallels the agreement the University of Colorado has with inter/national fraternal organizations that own and control their own housing facilities.^{ix}
9. *RFO*: A "RFO" shall refer to any Registered Fraternal Organization worthy of the rights and privileges afforded to any other student organization, and support the Registered Fraternal Organization's efforts toward organizational and personal development.^x

Whereas, full-fee-paying students affiliated with fraternities cannot currently use cost centers at student rates;

Whereas, cost centers are supported by student fees;

Whereas, the educational environment of the campus is greatly enhanced by fraternal activities that are based on their core principles of leadership, scholarship, service, and brotherhood

Whereas, both tickets have expressed support for this bill concept

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NyYDU53a_V0&feature=plcp

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eomXCCP8vAM&feature=plcp> (54:41-56:00)

<http://us4.forward-to-friend2.com/forward/show?u=c463500ef445cc946d3f36d93&id=e3b7efd51d>

Whereas, the Interfraternity Council can enhance the quality of life for students at the University by providing a range of opportunities for meaningful individual involvement and growth;

Whereas, in the case that student organizations can be held financially and judicially accountable they should have equal access to cost centers so long as they are composed primarily of full-fee-paying students, and entirely of full-time students;

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

Section 1:

Cost Centers and their fee-supported services shall be available, at student rates, to the IFC, the IFC's full voting members, and the IFC's associate members. Cost Centers and their fee-supported services shall be available to Panhellenic Council and its full voting members. Cost Centers and their services shall be available, at student rates, to the MGC and its' full voting members.

Section 2:

The IFC and its full voting members, and the IFC's associate members shall be entitled to equal access to cost centers and their fee-supported services at student rates. All expenses shall be paid for by a contractual agreement similar to the process used for third-party bookings, between the IFC and the Cost Center. The IFC will be the entity authorized to make such transactions on behalf of its full voting members and its' associate members; the IFC shall be the sole signer of these contracts.

Section 3:

The actions of the IFC's full voting members and the actions of the IFC's associate members shall be held judicially accountable through the Interfraternity Council Judicial Board. If an action that would otherwise fall under the Student Group Accountability Bill is brought to the IFC Judicial Board's attention, the IFC's full voting or associate member's chapter shall not be eligible to use CUSG Cost Centers until the IFC's Judicial Board has reached a verdict on appropriate repercussions which shall be reported to SOFO and to the CUSG office support staff. *The IFC Judicial Board will be required to adhere to the minimum judgment including the appropriate repercussions for student fee violations as outlined in the Student Fee Regulations.*

Section 4:

The usage of cost centers at student rates by the IFC and its' full voting members and its' associate members shall not apply to UMC catering, shall not be used to rent cost center rooms for chapter meetings, shall not be used for recruitment activities, shall not be eligible for cost center rates on printing, shall not be used to raise money for anything other than philanthropic events, and shall be used in accordance with University policy on fundraising and the CUSG Student Fee Regulations.

Section 5:

Panhellenic Council and their full voting members shall have the authority to apply for event funding from any student fee funding board with the exception of SGFB. Panhellenic must have signed the RFOA and maintain a SOFO account to apply for event funding. MGC and their full voting members shall have the authority to apply for event funding from any student-fee funding board with the exception of SGFB. MGC must have signed the RFOA and maintain a SOFO account to apply for event funding. IFC and its full voting members may apply for event funding so long as they have signed the RFOA and maintain a SOFO account. These organizations and

their full voting members and associate members shall only be able to apply for event funding so long as the events are compliant with CUSG Student Fee Regulations, especially sections 2.2.1, 2.3.1.B., and 2.3.4.B.

Section 6:

This section shall amend 2.3.1. B of the Student Fee Regulations to include... "Fraternities and Sororities."

Section 7:

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

Vote Count

11/08/2012	Author amended Section 3, 5 and 6	
11/08/2012	Motion to postpone indefinitely	5-9-2
11/08/2012	Passed on 1 st reading, with author's amendments	9-6-1
11/15/2012	Motion to divide Sections 1-4	
11/15/2012	Motion to move to Rules Committee	
	Vote on voting fails (needs 2/3rds)	10-6-1
11/15/2012	Motion to go into executive session/legal advice	11-4-2
11/15/2012	Final vote on moving to committee	2-14-1
11/15/2012	Amended bill title	Acclamation
11/15/2012	Final vote to divide bill	5-11-1
11/15/2012	Failed on 2 nd reading	4-12-1

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- ⁱ 2012-2013 Registered Fraternity Organization Agreement (Multicultural Greek) Appendix 1
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<http://www.coloradoifc.org/system/documents/923/original/Constiutiton%20and%20Bylaws%20CURRENT%2026%20October%202011.pdf?1326993954>

^{iv} <http://www.chipsi.org/?XYaMissionValues>

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^{vi} <http://www.colorado.edu/greeks/organizations/index.html>

^{vii} <http://www.colorado.edu/greeks/sororities/index.html>

^{viii} <http://www.colorado.edu/greeks/sororities/index.html>

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