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# University of Colorado Student Government Legislative Council

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## A Bill to Amend the Legislative Council Bylaws

### **Bill History**

The Legislative Council Bylaws create Commissions within CUSG that exist to make policy recommendations to the CUSG in specific policy areas and are restricted to their area of concern. The commissions include Legislative Affairs and Diversity.

#### **Bill Summary**

This bill hereby amends the Legislative Council Bylaws under Article VII-Commissions, to increase the continuity of the commission article as a whole. The intent of the bill is also to increase collaboration between the branches.

#### THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED THAT:

**Section 1:** Repeals and nullifies Legislative Council Bylaws Article VII, which states:

"ii. Commission Directors."

and appends a new Legislative Council Bylaws section Article VII, which states:

**Section 2:** Repeals and nullifies Legislative Council Bylaws Article VII C. a. i. 1., which states:

"The CUSG Diversity Commission shall elect a chair from the body."

**Section 3:** Repeals and nullifies Legislative Council Bylaws Article VII C. b. ii. which states:

"Legislative Council shall elect a voting member of Council to chair the Commission as an ex-officio member. This chair shall not be the President Pro-Tempore or Vice-President Pro-Tempore. The Executive branch shall appoint its Legislative Affairs Director or equivalent to serve as an ex-officio member. Additional ex-officio members shall be added at the discretion of the Commission"

and appends a new Legislative Council Bylaws section Article VII C. b. ii, which states:

"Executives shall appoint a voting member of council to Co-Chair the Commission as an ex-officio member. This Co-Chair shall not be the President Pro-Tempore or Vice-President Pro-Tempore. The Executive branch shall appoint its Legislative Affairs Director or equivalent to serve as an ex-officio member/ Co-Chair. Additional ex-officio members shall be added at the discretion of the Commission"

**Section 4:** Repeals and nullifies Legislative Council Bylaws Article VII C. b. iii. which states:

"Meetings shall be held no less frequently than weekly during the fall and spring semesters. Meetings shall be called by the Chair or the Legislative Affairs Director, who must ensure that all members are notified. Special meetings may be held. All members (and the public) must be notified of all meetings at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance".

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<sup>&</sup>quot;Commission Co-Chairs."

<sup>\*</sup>every reference to a Director or Chairs are now referred to as Co-Chairs

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**Section 5:** Repeals and nullifies Legislative Council Bylaws Article VII C. b. vii. which states:

"All Legislative Affairs Commission appointments shall last one academic year beginning in May and ending in May and members may be re-ratified. Appointments which fill vacated posts will last only for the remainder of the term. Legislative Council appointments can continue to serve on the Commission so long as they are members of Council. When their term on Council ends, Council must make a new appointment to the Commission".

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**Section 6:** Repeals and nullifies Legislative Council Bylaws Article VII C. b. viii. which states:

"The mission of the Legislative Affairs Commission shall be to ensure that the concerns of the student body are represented at a local, state and federal level as far as policies at those levels may affect higher education, tuition, the Cost Centers, student fees, state personnel, or other arenas which directly impact the lives of students in the University community. The Legislative Affairs Commission shall also maintain contact and work closely with any legislative or lobbying bodies of which CUSU may be a member".

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**Section 7:** Repeals and nullifies Legislative Council Bylaws Article VII C. b. xi. 3. which states:

"The President Pro-Tempore and one Executive shall be the authorized signers for this account."

and appends a new Legislative Council Bylaws section Article VII C. b. xi 2, which states:

"Co-Chairs shall be the authorized signers for this account."

**Section 8:** Repeals and nullifies Legislative Council Bylaws Article VII C. b. xi. 3. which states:

"The Legislative Affairs Commission at the start of the new fiscal year shall present a plan, in the form of a bill, enumerating their mission, goals, as well as how those goals will be achieved for the upcoming year."

**Section 9:** Repeals and nullifies Legislative Council Bylaws Article VII C. xii which states:

"xii. Associated Students of Colorado (ASC)

- 1. The Executive(s), and the Legislative Council President shall each appoint one member of the Legislative Council or Executive staff to represent CUSG at ASC meetings. These appointees shall also serve on the Legislative Affairs Commission.
- 2. Both appointments shall be ratified by the Legislative Council before they may serve on the ASC board. The term of the ASC representative shall terminate at the end of the spring session annually.
- 3. Once ratified, appointees must attend all ASC meetings through the duration of their term.
- 4. In the event that an appointee misses two or more ASC meetings without a valid reason, the Executives and/or President of Legislative Council may withdraw their appointment and appoint another with the process described above."

**Section 10:** All references in the Legislative Council Bylaws to the "President Pro-Tempore" and "Vice President Pro-Tempore" shall be stricken and replaced with "President" and "Vice President," respectively.

**Section 11:** All numbers reflecting the required amount of votes on a motion shall be stricken and replaced with their respective numeric representations (*i.e two-thirds shall become 2/3*).

**Section 12:** In accordance with 77LCB21, an approved CU Student Government logo shall be affixed to the top of the Legislative Council Bylaws.

**Section 13:** 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 actions by the Tri-Executives.

Vote Count
01/24/2013 Passed on 1<sup>st</sup> reading
01/31/2013 Passed on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

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