



**University of Colorado Student Government  
Legislative Council**

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## **A Bill to Establish Rules for Freshman Council**

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### **Bill History**

CU Student Government is one of the most potent de-facto leadership development programs on campus. Past leaders have gone on to become United States Senators, CEOs of multinational corporations, and leaders in higher education. The university and the student body should be immensely proud of CUSG and its leaders; past, present, and future.

One CUSG program that has provided world class leadership development and training for students has been the Freshman Council. However, the lack of continuity in CUSG leadership in recent years has resulted in Freshman Council members being disengaged or underutilized after their Freshman Council tenure is over. Those who are not appointed to Joint Boards or the Executive Staff lose the ability to continue their involvement in Student Government. Even some that do are not provided with the attention and resources that they need to continue their development as community leaders on campus. Therefore it is important that a more solid structure is put into place that ensures that the members of Freshman Council are invested in and given opportunities to develop into leaders in their communities on campus and beyond.

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### **Bill Summary**

This bill establishes rules and duties for the Freshman Council.

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**Whereas**, the Freshman Council has great potential to be a program to develop student leaders;

**Whereas**, the exact role and composition of Freshman Council has never been properly defined;

**Whereas**, in order to have a successful and self-advocating student body, it is imperative to invest in its student leadership;

**Whereas**, the lack of continuity and accountability in the Freshman Council has resulted in the underutilization of some of this campus' most talented leaders;

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**THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED:**

**Section 1:** Upon passage of this bill, the authority to establish and amend the Freshman Council's bylaws will be reserved to the Freshman Council. The Chief of Staff and his or her liaison shall advise Freshman Council on this matter. All changes must be ratified by a 2/3rds vote of Legislative Council. Legislative Council reserves the right to amend Freshman Council bylaws.

**Section 2:** All members of Freshman Council will be selected by a Selection Committee. This Committee shall consist of the Chief of Staff, his or her appointed liaison to Freshman Council, and the Legislative Council liaison to Freshman Council.

**Section 3:** This bill amends the job requirements of the CUSG Chief of Staff to include the following responsibilities: A) The Chief of Staff must appoint another member of the CUSG Executive Staff as the Executive liaison to Freshman Council and B) The Chief of Staff shall be required to attend and facilitate Freshman Council meetings, if they cannot fulfill this duty, their designee must do so.

**Section 4:** The Chief of Staff and the Executive Liaison to Freshman Council must attend or send a designee to every Freshman Orientation to recruit students and advertise the program. They may also advertise Freshman Council positions to leadership programs and recruitment programs such as the President's Leadership Class and Pre-Collegiate.

**Section 5:** The application to Freshman Council shall be released and available on the CUSG web page no later than the second Friday in August. The application must include additional details as to how to submit the application via email.

**Section 6:** The CUSG Chief of Staff must email all students who expressed interest during orientation with details about the application no later than the first week of the Fall Semester.

**Section 7:** The Freshman Council Selection Committee must review all applications within two weeks from the first day of the Fall Semester.

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**Section 8:** The Freshman Council Selection Committee must interview any candidates selected by at least two members of the Committee during the third and fourth weeks of the Fall Semester.

**Section 9:** Within five weeks from the first day of the Fall Semester, the Selection Committee must select the membership of the Freshman Council. A candidate for Freshman Council shall be considered a member when at least two of the three committee members approve their application.

**Section 10:** Each member of Freshman Council shall be assigned by the Chief of Staff and/or Executive liaison to Freshman Council as a “shadow” to either a member of Executive Staff or the Legislative Council. The Chief of Staff and/or the Executive liaison to Freshman Council may also appoint a Freshman Council member as an ex officio member of a CUSG Joint Board, pending that Board’s approval.

**Section 11:** The Chief of Staff and/or Executive liaison to Freshman Council shall guide the Freshman Council in the implementation of exactly one project related to the Student Government administration’s goals each semester.

**Section 12:** The membership of the CUSG Freshman Council shall also be a part of the membership of the CUSG Street Team. In this role, they will work on behalf of the CUSG Communications Director to promote and advertise CUSG-related events, legislation, and policies.

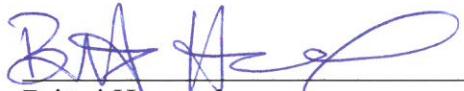
**Section 13:** This bill shall take effect upon passage and the signature of at least two of the three Tri-Executives.

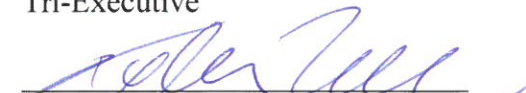
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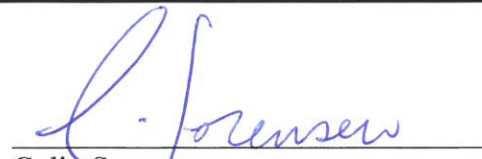
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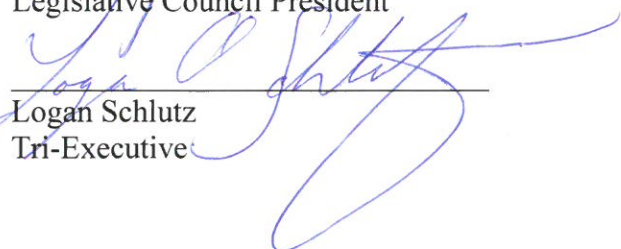
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