Bill Status: Passed



University of Colorado Student Government Legislative Council

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A Resolution to Address 4/20

Resolution History

The University of Colorado at Boulder has often been associated with the marijuana consumption focused 4/20 gathering on Norlin Quadrangle. The event has never been sanctioned by the University and has been construed as a disruption to campus business. In order to address the large gathering, CUSG and the CU Administration developed and implemented a plan to close campus to the public and require students to show their ID to come on-campus.

Students have expressed concerns with how previous Student Governments and the Administration have handled the event. In order to create more transparency and to support the student body, the Student Government implemented a task force that has been working with students and administration in order to address the gathering. The task force has had representation from CUSG legislative council, executive staff, and students-at-large. The task force has reached out to broad student constituencies to get their feedback and drive their efforts.

Resolution Summary

The University of Colorado Boulder Legislative Council supports the conclusions of the task force.

Whereas, the CU-Boulder campus was closed to the public on April 20th, 2012 with the enforcement of police presence.

Whereas, students and other university affiliates needed to show their ID or university-provided wristband to enter campus.

Whereas, 52% of students believe that the 4/20 smoke-out was a recreational or social gathering.¹

Whereas, closing campus in 2012 caused students to cancel research studies and other academic work.

Whereas, 65% of survey respondents said that the smoke-out did not affect their class.²

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

Section 1: CUSG agrees with administration that any event regarding the active consumption of marijuana has no place on campus because it is a disruption and safety concern.

Section 2: CUSG disagrees with many of the tactics used in April 2012, including the closure of campus to the public, the use of police forces to maintain the closure, and the placement of "fish fertilizer" on the Norlin Quad.

Section 3: CUSG hopes for a long-term sustainable solution that includes students in the solution including; keeping campus open, removing ID requirements, and an open dialogue about drug policy.

Section 4: CUSG will continue to work with administration and students in addressing issues surrounding 4/20.

Section 5: 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						
04/11/2013	Amendment to remove "fertilizer"	Failed				
04/11/2013	Passed on 1 st reading	8-4-4				
04/18/2013	Passed on 2 nd reading	12-2-4				

^{1,2} CU-Boulder survey conducted in 2011, some results published at http://www.dailycamera.com/cu-news/ci_18584025

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