**Bill Status: PASSED**



**University of Colorado Student Government**

**Legislative Council**

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**A Bill to Secure and Maintain CUSG Archives**

**Bill History**

Sometime in the 1990s, a group of UCSU representatives (it wouldn't be called CUSG until late in the 2000s) went over to Norlin Library with the goal of recording their history as far back as they possibly could. In trying to fulfill that endeavor, they took between 50 and 70 boxes from the University Archives at Norlin and never returned them.

In Summer 2015, the Tri-Executives decided it would be important to record the history of our student government in an ongoing and hopefully permanent historical repository in tandem with the creation of a Historian position within CUSG. In the process, they discovered the archives past students had taken from Norlin in storage in the CUSG office. While office staff and students had taken care to ensure they were intact, the storage conditions were not optimal and the archived materials hadn't been properly looked after by someone trained to maintain historical documents.

After consulting with each other, it became apparent that these archives needed to be digitized in CUSG and then returned to their rightful home in the University Archives at Norlin. It also became apparent that there needed to be some rule that would maintain the safety and care of these documents through different iterations of leadership within CUSG.

**Bill Summary**

This bill provides a definite date by which all historical documents taken by CUSG will be returned to the University Archives at Norlin. This bill also protects these documents from future student government decisions to remove them from the archives, as that could potentially place them — and the history of student government at CU — at risk of being damaged or lost..

**Whereas,** maintaining a recorded history of CUSG through the years is important to understanding the culture of our institution;

**Whereas,** a major part of record keeping and historical research is the process of archiving physical documents including but not limited to documents, transcripts, and photographs;

**Whereas,** an emphasis must be placed on the safe storage and maintenance of historical documents in order to ensure their safe access by future generations;

**Whereas,** CUSG archives should never be maintained solely by CUSG nor should CUSG office space be used as a physical repository for historical materials in the long-term;

**Whereas,** a relationship ought to be created between CUSG and University Archives in order to sustainably provide access to historical materials in a way that makes research more easily done;

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

**Section 1:** CUSG archives in the CUSG office will be returned to the University Archives at Norlin no later than the Friday before spring break in the Spring 2016 semester.

**Section 2:** The Legislative Council President, Chief Justice of the Appellate Court, and the Tri-Executives shall work with the CUSG Office Manager to create a system whereby records of CUSG business are regularly sent to the archives at Norlin for safekeeping. That system will be presented to Legislative Council.

**Section 3:** Access to CUSG archives at Norlin will not be restricted, and their careful use in historical research will not be impeded. However, no one will be permitted to take CUSG archives out of their place at Norlin.

Subsection 1: Legislative Council will be empowered to take punitive actions per Legislative Council Constitution Article VI against anyone from CUSG who attempts to take CUSG archives from Norlin in willful abandonment of this legislation.

Subsection 2: CUSG will be empowered to exhaust available means in order to take similar punitive actions against anyone outside of CUSG who attempts to take CUSG archives from Norlin in willful abandonment of this legislation.

Subsection 3: University Archives will be encouraged to maintain a copy of this legislation on hand for reference and enforcement purposes.

**Section 4:** The Tri-Executives are encouraged to work with Norlin in order to create more opportunities for partnership on historical research and other academic pursuits.

**Section 5:** The bill shall take effect upon final passage in Legislative Council and upon either obtaining the signature of two Tri-Executives and the Legislative Council President or the lapse of six days without action by the Tri-Executives.

**Vote Count:**

11/12/15 Passed on 1st Reading Acclamation

11/19/15 Passed on 2nd Reading Acclamation

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