

**University of Colorado Student Union  
Legislative Council Minutes  
Meeting #10, Session 64  
March 2, 2006  
UMC 247**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 705 PM.

**II. Early Roll Call**

A+S, Business, Graduate, Journalism, Law, Alarcon, Cordova, Monsalve, Moore, Netsanet, Waters, Williams, and Wolf; quorum was reached with 12 voting members.

**III. Approval of the Agenda**

A motion was made to move New Business item (a) 64LCB#8- Election Code to Presidential Action Item (a) due to the presence of a large number of people interested in the bill. The motion was approved by acclamation. Another motion was made to table Presidential Action item (e) Ratification of Health Board voting members: Lindsey Monett and Matt Bartley due to their absence. The motion was approved by acclamation. Another motion was made to add as Presidential Action Item (h) Spring 2006 Election Budget. The motion was approved by acclamation. Another motion was made to strike New Business item (c) 64LCB#9- UGGS Referendum. The motion was approved by acclamation. A final motion was made to add as Old Business item (a) 64LCB#7. The motion was approved by acclamation. The amended agenda was then approved by acclamation.

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes were approved by acclamation.

**V. Open Hearing**

Former UCSU Representative Eugene Pearson spoke to the members of Legislative Council regarding the reasons for the changes in the referendum process, discussing the proposed legislation's original intent. Pearson also spoke in support of the purchase of hybrid vehicles for the CU NightRide program. A motion was made to limit all speakers for open hearing to five minutes each. The motion was approved by acclamation. Senator Frydendall spoke to members of the public regarding the basis for changes to the referendum process, based primarily on recommendations from the Center for Campus Free Speech. Following this explanation, several representatives from student groups including the Colorado Public Interest Research Group and Amnesty International voiced concerns about the proposed changes to the UCSU Election Code, particularly voicing concerns with Article VI Sections 9.10, 9.12, 10.1, and 15.7.

**VI. Presidential Action Items**

**a. 64LCB#8- Election Code**

Senator Frydendall presented the proposed changes to the UCSU Election Code, particularly with regard to advisory referendum. Frydendall also noted that Article I Section 4.17 should read "REFERENDUM- UCSU will no long used a binding referendum in student fee allocations, excepting UCSU cost centers, which may run referenda to decide funding requests which require

issuance of bonds. Other student organizations requesting student fee funding may run a question on their funding request, which will be advisory to members of UCSU. Results of referenda for student organizations funding requests will not be binding on any body of UCSU. Students of groups of students may run other opinion type questions not related to student fee allocations.” The proposed changes to the Election Code were then discussed by Election Commissioner Fitzee. A motion was made to amend the first sentence of Article VI Section 9.10 from "There shall be no campaigning directed at students voting at public computer stations" to read "There shall be no campaigning directed at students who are currently voting at UCSU polling stations." After questions and discussion, the motion was approved 9-2-1. Another motion was made to amend Article VI Section 14.1 from "The electronic ballot shall be checked for spelling, name alternations and uniformity of appearance. No changes can be made after the online election is activated" to read "The electronic ballot shall be checked for spelling, name alternations and uniformity of appearance. No changes can be made after the online election is activated unless it does not appear on the Web as the question was intended to read." After questions and discussion, the motion was approved by acclamation. Another motion was made to amend Article VI Section 10.1 to revert to the original the spending limits for Executive tickets and Representative candidates of “600.00” and “\$200.00”, respectively. After questions and discussion, the motion failed 7-8-0, with President Moore casting a tie-breaking vote. Another motion was made to amend Article VI Section 15.7 from "The UCSU Election Commissioner shall make available to the public after the election statistical information regarding voters' class status, how many people have voted from each school, and the total number of votes cast" to read "The UCSU Election Commissioner shall make available to the public during the election the total number of votes cast and after the election statistical information regarding voters' class status and how many people have voted from each school." The motion was approved by acclamation. A motion was made to vote on the amended UCSU Election Code. The motion failed 5-9-0. Another motion was made to amend Article VI Section 10.1 by adding after the sentence "This paragraph shall apply to labor donated by a professional or firm for certain skills performed" the following: "Any executive ticket as well as any representative candidate shall only be allowed to have 50% of their spend budget donated to them. All donations shall be reviewed and approved by the Election Commissioner." After questions and discussion, the motion was approved 11-3-0. Another motion was made to amend Article VI Section 10.1 to change the spending limit for Executive tickets to “\$850.00.” After extensive questions and discussion, a motion was made to vote on the motion on the table. The motion failed 14-0-0. After further discussion, the motion failed 6-8-0. A final motion was made to amend Article VI Section 10.9 by reinstating the Five Percent Rule. After questions and discussion, the motion failed 6-8-0. The amended UCSU Election Code was then approved 13-1-0.

### **Budget Hearings**

#### **b. UMC**

Finance Board Chair Ryan Keane and University Memorial Center Director Carlos Garcia presented the cost center’s budget request for FY2006-07. Garcia gave a general explanation of the purpose and structure of the UMC, and Keane requested a total budget approval of a 0% increase plus 4.1% unduckables. After questions and discussion, the budget request was approved 13-0-0 on the first reading.

#### **i. CU NightRide**

Finance Board Chair Ryan Keane, University Memorial Center Director Carlos Garcia, and the chair of CU NightRide presented both the program’s preferred and less preferred budget

scenarios for FY2006-07. After a general explanation of the purpose and structure of the CU NightRide program, a motion was made to approve the preferred scenario, but with a decreased SOR allocation for the purchase of a minivan and hybrid vehicles from \$37,901 to \$27,255, increasing student fees to 34 cents per student per semester. The motion failed 4-10-0. After questions and discussion, a motion was made to approve the preferred budget scenario, including a SOR allocation of a \$37,901 for the purchase of minivan and hybrid vehicles, for a total increase in student fees of \$8,082, or 15 cents per student per semester. A motion was made to amend the agenda to move Presidential Action Item (f) Appointment of Conor Walker to Air Board to follow the approval of the Program Council budget as Presidential Action Item (c).

#### **ii. Program Council**

Finance Board Chair Ryan Keane, University Memorial Center Director Carlos Garcia, and the directors of the Program Council presented the program's budget request for FY2006-07. After a discussion of the background and objectives of the Program Council, Keane requested a total budget approval for an 11.6% increase plus unduckables. After questions and discussion, the budget request was approved 13-0-0 on the first reading.

#### **c. Ratification of Conor Walker to Air Board**

Conor Walker introduced himself as candidate for appointment to Air Board and discussed his qualifications and interest in the position. President Moore read aloud a letter from Mark Mangione, the Air Board Chair, encouraging the members of Legislative Council to approve the appointment. The appointment was then approved by acclamation.

#### **Budget Hearings (Continued)**

#### **d. WRC**

Finance Board Chair Ryan Keane and Women's Resource Center Director Barbara Kulton presented the cost center's budget request for FY2006-07. Kulton gave a general explanation of the purpose and structure of the WRC, and Keane requested the approval of the WRC's preferred budget scenario of a 2.5% increase plus unduckables. After questions and discussion, the budget request was approved 13-0-0 on the first reading.

#### **e. Legal Services**

Finance Board Chair Ryan Keane and the director CU Legal Services presented the cost center's budget request for FY2006-07. The director of CU Legal Services gave a general explanation of the purpose and structure of Legal Services, and Keane requested a total budget approval of a 0% increase plus unduckables. After questions and discussion, the budget request was approved 14-0-0 on the first reading.

#### **f. SOC**

Finance Board Chair Ryan Keane and Finance Director Charles Johnson presented the Student Organizations Committee's budget request for FY2006-07. Johnson gave a general explanation of the purpose and structure of SOC, and Keane requested a total budget approval of a 0% increase plus unduckables. After questions and discussion, the budget request was approved 14-0-0 on the first reading.

#### **g. Ratification of Ryan Biehle to Legislative Affairs Commission**

Ryan Biehle introduced himself as candidate for appointment to the Legislative Affairs Commission and discussed his qualifications and interest in the position. The appointment was then approved 13-1-0.

#### **h. Spring 2006 Election Budget**

Finance Board Chair Ryan Keane and UCSU Election Commissioner Fitze presented the proposed Spring 2006 Election Budget and requested a total approval for \$10,840.00. After questions and discussion, the budget request was approved 14-0-0.

## **VII. Old Business**

### **a. 64LCB#7**

Senator Martinez presented the bill to amend the Legislative Council Bylaws process on the passage of legislation. After questions and discussion, a motion was made to amend the bill by changing Section 2 (f) Final Passage from “Legislation shall become effective upon one of the following conditions” to read “Once legislation is approved, the Legislative Council President shall sign the legislation, indicating it has been passed in conformity with these bylaws. Legislation shall become effective upon one of the following conditions” followed by subsections (i), (ii), and (iii). The motion was approved by acclamation. The amended bill was then approved 14-0-0.

## **VIII. New Business**

### **a. 64LCB#5- Sunset Provision**

First Vice President Wolf introduced the bill to the Legislative Council, which would introduce a formal review process for legislation.

### **b. 64LCR#3- Diversity Solidarity**

The resolution was presented by Tri Executive Jimenez for its first reading. After questions and discussion, a motion was made to amend Section 2 from “UCSU supports the student leaders in having the University administration increase funding for diversity scholarships and the CU LEAD Alliance in the amount of 5,000,000 dollars” to read “UCSU supports the student leaders who have been working on these diversity issues in having the University administration increase funding for diversity scholarships and the CU LEAD Alliance in the amount of 5,000,000 dollars”. The motion was approved by acclamation. Another motion was made to add as the second Whereas clause “UCSU acknowledges the work the administration has done to work on diversity issues with student leaders and encourages the administration to continue this work”, thus making the original second, third, and fourth Whereas clauses the third, fourth and fifth Whereas clauses, respectively. The motion was approved by acclamation. The amended resolution was then approved 14-0-0 on the first reading.

### **c. 64LCB#4- DREAM Act of 2005**

The bill was presented by Tri Executive Jimenez for its first reading. After questions and discussion, a motion was made to amend Section 6 from “This resolution will be sent to the Regents of the University of Colorado, CU-System President Hank Brown, CU-Boulder Interim Chancellor Phil DiStefano, Governor Bill Owens, the federal legislators of the state of Colorado, and any other parties requesting said resolution” to read “This resolution will be sent to the Regents of the University of Colorado, CU-System President Hank Brown, CU-Boulder Interim Chancellor Phil DiStefano, Governor Bill Owens, the federal and state legislators of the state of Colorado, and any other parties requesting said resolution”. The motion was approved by acclamation. After the addition of Mario Flores as an author of the bill and Senators Bralish, Chavez-Murphy, and Lingo; Representatives Alarcon and Netsanet; First Vice President Wolf and President Moore as sponsors of the bill, the bill was approved by special order 14-0-0.

## **IX. Reports**

**a. Tri-Executive**

Tri-Executive Jimenez encouraged members of Legislative Council to testify at the Colorado state capitol on March 7, 2006 at 130 PM on behalf of greater appropriations for higher education. Tri Executive Long solicited a verbal response from President Moore regarding an email sent to her by the members of Legislative Council concerning her duties as Council President. Tri-Executive Jimenez encouraged students in Representative McKinley’s district to contact him regarding the King Bill currently in the Education Committee of the Colorado State Legislature.

**b. Environmental Sustainability and Social Justice Committee**

Senator Chavez-Murphy announced that those members of Council interested in sitting on the newly formed Environmental Sustainability and Social Justice Committee should contact Environmental Director Rob Duray for information, and requested that the Committee be added to future Legislative Council agendas under the Section IX. Reports.

**c. Appointment Committee**

Senator Lingo announced that Appointments Committee will meet on March 6, 2006 at 530 PM and requested that committee members contact her with any schedule conflicts.

**d. Election Committee**

Senator Frydendall congratulated the members of Council on passing the new UCSU Election Code and requested underclassman nomination suggestions for the position of Assistant Election Commissioner to be send to Election Commissioner Fitze.

**e. Rules Committee**

Senator Martinez announced that the Rules Committee will not meet again during the legislative session unless a pertinent issue arises.

**f. Environmental Board**

Senator Chavez-Murphy announced an upcoming event hosted by the Environmental Center entitled “Implementing Natural Capitalism: Finding the Competitive Edge” feature Hunter Lovins in the UMC Glenn Miller Ballroom on March 7, 2006 at 600 PM.

**g. Finance Board**

Second Vice President Waters reported that the Finance Board is continuing to review budgets.

**h. UMC Board**

Representative Jilling reported that the UMC Board is currently interviewing applicants for voting positions on the UMC Board.

**i. President**

President Moore thanked the Council for being diligent about e-time reports and timesheets and asked the members of Council to speak with her individually about concerns they would like to address.

**X. Late Roll Call**

A+S, Business, Engineering, Graduate, Journalism, Law, Alarcon, Cordova, Jilling, Monsalve, Moore, Netsanet, Waters, Williams, and Wolf.