A Resolution in Recognition of the Distinguished Service of the Election Commission

Resolution History

In recent years, Fall Elections have been plagued by a low voter turnout. A high rate of student turnout in elections is crucial to ensuring a well-functioning democratic student
government; thus, the historically lackluster rate of turnout has become an immense problem for CU Student Government and our student body as a whole. Elections within the past years have especially fallen victim to this trend. Not only have there been issues with the accessibility of the Election Commissioner, but recent events called into question the entire structure of our democratic election process and resulted in the need to overhaul the Election Code.

Resolution Summary

On behalf of the entirety of CU Student Government and the University of Colorado Boulder Student Body, this resolution recognizes the distinguished service and success of the Election Commission during the fall election. Under the leadership of Election Commissioner Aaron Chesler and his Assistant Election Commissioners Julian Taranow, Ayriana Rackham, and Brianna South, the Fall Election of 2016 successfully engaged the constituents of CU Student Government despite being conducted on a completely overhauled code and despite the election being uncontested. The record turnout of students in the Fall Election is a clear reflection of the hard work, dedication, and tremendous strides made by the entire Election Commission.

Whereas, through the unorthodox use of a meet-and-greet with CU Student Government Representative-at-Large candidates and a Town Hall (as outlined in the Election Code), student concerns were placed at the core of the election process,

Whereas, a total of 530 students voted in the Fall Election, demonstrating successful engagement of the student body and a high overall voter turnout despite the election being uncontested,

Whereas, acting in the capacity of the Election Commission until such a time the Election Commissioner was hired, Colton Lyons, Lucas Larson, Gabriel Elbert, Austin Rugh, Brady Itkin, and Aaron Chesler devoted countless hours over the span of a few weeks to ensure that necessary revisions and updates were made to the election code,

Whereas, the service that Election Commissioner Aaron Chesler has provided via his revisions to the Election Code and the faithful performance of his duties in implementing a new code (as outlined in VI.B.3.a of the CU Student Government Constitution) has been an invaluable asset to the entirety of CU Student Government;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislative Council of the University of Colorado Boulder Student Government in THAT:

Section 1: CU Student Government recognizes that, given a short period of time to plan and execute the Fall Election, the Election Commission facilitated a fair and well-thought-out election process.

Section 2: CU Student Government recognizes and congratulates Aaron Chesler, Ayriana Rackham, Julian Taranow, and Brianna South on the distinguished fulfillment of their duties as the Election Commission in holding a successful election.

Section 3: CU Student Government acknowledges the hard work and dedication put forth by the acting Election Commission to revise the Election Code.

Section 4: This resolution 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:

1/26/2017     Approved on First Reading     Acclamation
2/2/2017      Motion to Approve Grammatical Amendments     Acclamation
2/2/2017      Approved on Second Reading     Acclamation

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