Welcome back to the Spring semester, buffs! - We are hard at work in service of you and have a ton of exciting things coming up. There are new opportunities to get involved with CUSG so make sure to check the ‘Join Us’ page on our website. Our doors are always open but this newsletter is an easy way for you to stay up to date with what is going on in CUSG, so keep reading!

Sincerely,
The CUSG Staff
FALL SEMESTER WRAP-UP

CUSG accomplished a lot of exciting things during the Fall 2018 semester, below are a few highlights.

1. Plastic Water Bottle Bill
CUSG Sustainability Chair, Liam Brodie, passed a bill in November that implements the phasing out of single-use plastic bottles at student fee funded events and facilities. CU has always been an environmental trendsetter and is home to many sustainability “firsts” for American Universities, including the first zero-waste collegiate football stadium and student-run recycling center.

2. SOAC Funding
CUSG’s Student Organization Allocation Committee allocated roughly $175,000 to student organizations this past semester, under the leadership of SOAC Chair Martin Chinn. SOAC is the only funding source on campus that can fund operational expenses to student organizations.

3. Fall Elections
The CUSG Fall Elections saw the highest fall turnout since 2013, with 5.56 percent of the student body voting.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL UPDATE

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Representative Council is made up of the nine Representatives at Large that are elected into office by the student body. We represent and speak on behalf of the entire student population that attends the University of Colorado Boulder. In addition, we are one of the funding boards on campus that allocate money to student organizations so they can grow, develop, and bring a diverse education to students.

Currently it is run by the Speaker of Representative Council, Michael Robinson, and the Vice Speaker, Madden Gile. In the 89th session, last semester, representative council allocated funds to 34 student organizations across the campus. Ranging from travel to conferences or to events hosted on campus. We plan to fund even more student organizations while in the 90th session of legislation.

Current projects that the representatives are working on are, accessing ADA accessibility on campus and improving buildings to make them more accessible to all students, changing and reforming the curriculum for bystander training to have a focus on sexual assault education, bringing bird scooters to campus, and making bigger platforms for underrepresented communities on campus.
ON THE HORIZON

Women’s Leadership Symposium

**When:** Friday, February 15 • 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
**How to Get Involved:** The 2019 Women’s Leadership Symposium is a day-long conference created for women/woman-identified staff and students. Get ready to explore a variety of ways to develop authentic and empowered leadership skills. Students can register for events using the link on the CUSG website. Events include a keynote presentation; breakout sessions presented by CU students, staff and faculty; networking; lunch; and a community-based closing activity to keep your leadership momentum going throughout the semester.

Inclusive Sports Summit

**When:** Wednesday, February 20
**How to Get Involved:** The Inclusive Sports Summit (ISS) will provide a space for all to dialogue on social issues while embracing one’s differences. ISS will challenge recreational and professional sports and collegiate athletics to examine their social constructs. Topics will include Social Justice, LGBTQ, Race and Ethnicity, Health and Wellness and Careers in relation to sports and recreation. The event is open to everyone; there is no need to register to attend.

Spring Elections

**When:** Monday, April 9 – Thursday, April 11
**How to Get Involved:** The 2019 Spring Elections for University of Colorado Student Government (CUSG) will begin April 9th and conclude April 11th, with voting remaining open for the entirety of the four day election period. During Spring Elections, the student body elects four new Representatives-At-Large, who sit on the CUSG Legislative Council for one year, and a new slate of Tri-Executives, who serve as CU’s three student body presidents for the following school year. Students who are interested in running for these positions can pick up candidate petition packets from the CUSG Office (UMC 125) starting January 30th, completed packets must be turned into the CUSG Election Commissioner by March 4th. Both undergraduate and graduate students are eligible to run. For more information please contact the CUSG Election Commissioner, Shyloh Kirksey, at cusg.elections@colorado.edu.

EXECUTIVE STAFF UPDATES

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Two weekends ago when I traveled to my base for training, all sailors, soldiers, marines and airmen were reminded of what to do in the case of an active shooter situation. With the exception of security forces, firearms are not allowed on military bases, very similarly to our campus. This motivated me to share with the CU community the correct actions that should be taken in the situation of an active shooter...RUN, HIDE, FIGHT. The following link is the exact video all armed force members are required to watch and I think the same should apply to CU students. As you might remember, a similar situation took place a few years ago on the Boulder campus with an armed man with a machete in the Champions Center. This is a reminder to our community that evil exists in the world and sometimes action is required to prevent harm from occurring to yourself and others. Lastly, I believe there is no such thing as being too prepared for something, no matter how “dark” the situation may be. For more information on the "RUN, HIDE, FIGHT" protocol visit www.fbi.gov/about/partnerships/office-of-partner-engagement/active-shooter-resources/responding-to-an-active-shooter-crisis-situation.