A Bill to Create an Executive Advisory Board for CUSG

Bill History

The University of Colorado Student Government has long served as a guiding institution for the university’s students to acquire, practice, and engage in meaningful leadership. CUSG is one of the most autonomous university student governments in the nation, and it oversees 11 Cost Centers, supports over 500 student organizations, organizes campus-wide events, and enacts legislation to improve the student experience. Such engagement in public service to the university community has allowed CUSG alumni to move onto to roles such as members of state and federal legislatures, community activists, non-profit directors, business presidents, and CEOs. It is in these roles that alumni continue to grow and learn what it means to lead and enact meaningful change in their community.
CUSG now plays a bigger role in the lives of students than ever before. The organization seeks to stand out as a leader in diversity, equality, and inclusion while also pushing for action in social justice, student health, and environmental initiatives across campus, to name a few. Such efforts have worked to help CUSG maintain its goal of making a meaningful impact on the lives of all CU Boulder students, but they have not come without difficulty. As students themselves and leaders of the Executive Branch, the Executives must learn skills such as legal rhetoric, effective argumentation, and crisis management on the job; communicate and collaborate effectively with various campus administrators and staff; and hire, maintain, and lead the Executive Branch in its operations. Such tasks would be difficult for any new Executive, but without a formal source of mentorship, they have become increasingly challenging.

Thankfully, CUSG alumni are deeply committed to the organization and those who work so arduously to improve it and its impact on the university as a whole. In their spare time, these alumni are eager to aid in the organization’s mission and their contributions are greatly appreciated. By receiving mentorship from these alumni, the CUSG Executives will be better prepared to collaborate with students from a variety of backgrounds to find innovative solutions to complex campus problems, thus enabling them and the organization they lead to impact student lives in a manner not previously seen.

**Bill Summary**

This bill creates an Executive Advisory Board ("the Board") for CUSG Executive(s) to help guide the organization in its goal of making a meaningful impact on the lives of all CU Boulder Students. Board members will provide invaluable insights from their own experience to future CUSG Executives.

Members of the Board will be CUSG alumni who continue to dedicate themselves to improving the university and its wider impact within the local and state communities. The Executive(s) will recruit potential Board members who have the capacity to sit on the Board for two (2) year-long terms, can meet in-person on the CU Boulder campus one (1) time per year, are able to meet electronically up to three (3) times per year, and can be reached through online or over-the-phone correspondence throughout their term(s).
The Board Co-Chairs - comprised of one Executive Co-Chair and one Alumni Co-Chair - shall preside over, provide agendas for, and lead the operations of the Board.

Whereas, CUSG has a long history of instilling its members with the ability to create positive change and act as effective leaders in the face of adversity.

Whereas, CUSG alumni continue to serve the university, its communities, and the state of Colorado through key roles in both the public and private sector.

Whereas, from its responsibility in annually allocating at least 44% in student fees to serving as a leader for social, environmental, and institutional change, CUSG now plays a bigger role in the lives of students than ever before.

Whereas, among CUSG’s essential values are education and mentorship, and CUSG Executives should seek maximal efficiency and impact in serving the organization and student body at-large.

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

Section 1: Definitions

CUSG Alumni: Previous member of the Executive Cabinet or previously elected member of the Legislative Council who is not currently serving a role within CUSG. This definition does not prohibit alumni who are still students from Board membership.

Executive: The highest-ranking elected official of the CUSG Executive Cabinet, synonymous with a CUSG (Tri-/Bi-/Co-)Executive or Student Body President.

Section 2: The Legislative Council adopts the following as the Executive Advisory Board Bylaws:

CUSG Executive Advisory Board Bylaws

CHAPTER 1 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

101: Creation of the Executive Advisory Board
1. The University of Colorado Student Government hereby establishes the Executive Advisory Board; referred herein as the Executive Advisory Board or “the Board”.

2. The Board shall be made up of the following:
   1. Between five (5) and thirteen (13) CUSG alumni
   2. Between one (1) and three (3) Executive(s)
   3. Other members of CUSG which are designated by the Executive(s)

102: Purpose

1. The Board will guide CUSG Executive(s) in their goal of making a meaningful impact on the lives of all CU Boulder Students. The Board may advise on the operations of CUSG Executive(s), including but not limited to the oversight of Cost Centers, the support of student organizations, the drafting of legislation, the management of the Executive Cabinet, and campus-wide operations.

2. The Board will act in an advisory manner to CUSG’s Executive(s). Any decisions or recommendations made by the Board will be nonbinding and will serve only as guidance.

CHAPTER 2 - BOARD MEMBER DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

201: Executive(s)

1. The Executive(s) will extend invitations to CUSG alumni to begin or continue their position on the board once yearly in January.

2. The Executive(s) will schedule all Board meetings and be responsible for directing any additional communications between CUSG and the Board.

202: The Board’s Co-Chairs

1. One (1) CUSG Executive shall hold the position of Executive Co-Chair.
   1. The Executive Co-Chair shall preside over meetings, create meeting agendas, and update Board members on the ongoings of CUSG and its relationships with the wider campus community.

2. Members of the Board will select one (1) Alumni Co-Chair by a simple majority vote during the first meeting of the calendar year.
   1. The Alumni Co-Chair shall serve for one (1) calendar year following their election.
   2. There are no limits on the number of terms a CUSG Alumni can serve as an Alumni Co-Chair.
3. The Alumni Co-Chair shall cooperate with the Executive Co-Chair to prepare meeting agendas and preside over meetings. The Alumni Co-Chair will also issue decisions of the board to the Executive(s).
3. The Co-Chairs shall coordinate the orientation and education of new Board members.
4. Board members can create additional Board leadership positions by a two-thirds majority vote.

203: Qualifications for Board Membership

1. Potential Board members must be able to serve two (2) year-long terms, meet in-person on the CU Boulder campus one (1) time per year, meet electronically up to three (3) times per year, and be available to online or over-the-phone correspondence throughout their term.
2. The Executive Co-Chair shall be responsible for preparing a written statement testifying to the qualifications and commitment of the potential member and presenting this statement to the Legislative Council, after which the Legislative Council will approve the potential member by simple majority.

204: Board Member Terms of Office

1. Board members will serve a two (2) year-long term following their first meeting as a Board member.
2. Upon the completion of one (1) term, the CUSG Executives shall extend a returning Board member an invitation to renew their membership for an additional two (2) year term.
3. There is no limit on the number of terms that a member may sit on the Board.

205: Member Duties

1. Each Board member shall attend all scheduled Board meetings, unless a proxy is designated from the membership described in 101: b 1-3.

206: Membership Vacancies

1. Vacancies shall be filled based on 101: b 1-3.

207: Board Member Removal and Early Leave
1. Board members may only be removed for good cause. This includes, but is not limited to, failure to substantially perform one’s duties, violating the CUSG Constitution, or violating this code.
2. Board members may only be removed by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board or unanimous decision of the Executive(s).
3. Board members may step down from their position at any time so long as they provide written notification of their leave.
4. Upon the resignation or removal of the Alumni Co-Chair, Board members will select by two-thirds majority a new Alumni Co-Chair.
   1. The newly elected Alumni Co-Chair will serve for the remainder of the previous Alumni Co-Chair’s term.
5. In the case that membership of the Board falls below quorum, the Board’s operations will be suspended until this threshold is again met. It is the responsibility of the Executive(s) to fill vacancies on the Board so that it may continue its operations.

CHAPTER 3 - MEETINGS

301: Necessary Meetings

1. The Executive(s) shall coordinate at least one (1) physical meeting located on the University of Colorado Boulder Campus.
   1. This meeting is to occur within the first three (3) months of the calendar year.
2. These meetings will inform Board members on the general state of CUSG and its ongoing initiatives.
3. In the case that an appropriate meeting location on the University of Colorado Boulder Campus cannot be found, this meeting may occur within a twenty (20) mile radius of the University of Colorado Boulder Campus.

302: Additional Meetings

1. Additional meetings may be held in person or via video communication as deemed necessary by the Executive Co-Chair.
2. These meetings may pertain, but are not limited to, discussions about the creation of task forces and/or working groups, calls for feedback and/or input, or any other matters essential to the running of the board and its guidance to the CUSG Executive(s).

303: Quorum
1. Quorum shall consist of two-thirds of the currently filled positions on the Board.[3]

304: Absence of Chair and Vice Chair

1. In the absence of both the Alumni Co-Chair and the Executive Co-Chair, the longest-serving Board member or their designee shall preside over Board meetings.

Section 3: The relevant parties affected by this legislation that shall be notified upon its 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 are: **CUSG Executive Cabinet, CUSG Legislative Branch, CUSG Alumni**

Section 4: This **bill** shall take effect upon final 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.

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