

**SENATE RESOLUTION 2024-25-04**

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| Date Presented: 4th October 2024 | **Bill Title: Resolution to Address Stewardship of Student Fees** |
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**WHEREAS**, the Student Government Body has become aware of the allocation and spending of student fee money for the hiring of another Student Life pro-staff member and for six personal development trips during AY Fiscal year ’23-’24 and Summer ’24 that used a total of $37,118.18 and;

**WHEREAS**, there were no students, including the Student Government Association (SGA) members or executives, who were consulted about the use of these funds that came from student fees. While the SGA acknowledges that professional development is important and that no policy violations were committed by any staff members, it would have been ethical and appropriate to consult with the students they serve and who’s funds they are allocating, and;

**WHEREAS**, The University is facing a budget crisis, that among other things, resulted in the SGA budget being reduced and several signature events being cancelled. The one-time funding used for these trips could have been allocated to buy supplies for student orgs, event materials, pantry and hygiene supplies for events such as Nourish Now, and other things that would have directly benefitted the student body, and;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, The SGA recommends a change to University of Colorado Denver policy to ensure the protection of student fee funds. This change would require that professional staff development trips be funded through sources other than Student Fee money. Additionally, the SGA requests student involvement in budgetary decisions within Student Life that utilize student fee funds, and;

**NOW FINALLY THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, When Student Life seeks to spend Student Fee money, they will consult with student representatives before making such decisions, to maintain good stewardship of fees from students and ensure that they are being used to address the needs of the student body at large.

Ratified by the Senate:

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