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**SENATE RESOLUTION 2024-2025-05**

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| Date Presented: Nov 1st, 2024 | **Resolution Condemning the Administration's Decision to Fund SGA from Sentry Operational Funds** |
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**WHEREAS,** The Student Government Association (SGA) acknowledges the Administration’s efforts to address budgetary challenges; however, reallocating surplus funds from the Sentry to the SGA without consulting Sentry members fundamentally undermines our vision of cooperative support and transparency in decision-making. And;

**WHEREAS**, the budget cuts impacting the SGA were implemented as a result of decisions made by the Administration and Student Life, Therefore, the Sentry must not be unjustly scapegoated into sharing its excess operational funds to cover these administrative decisions, especially given that the Sentry had no say in the matter and;

**WHEREAS,** the Administration's actions have presented the SGA with an impossible choice: utilize Sentry operational funds to better service the students and fund Student Organizations of CU Denver or maintain goodwill with our constituents. Now the burden of SGA to resolve, the divisive nature of this situation must be acknowledged by the Administration to ensure that this mistake is never repeated and;

**WHEREAS,** the crossroad of this decision may lead to division and competition among Student Services over resources; therefore, the SGA is dedicated to eliminating competition and advocating for collaboration, fostering a strong alliance among all Student Services and organizations. while safeguarding the funding and stability of the Sentry and all other Student Services. and;

**WHEREAS,** the SGA acknowledges the apology from Genia Herndon, recognizing the many frustrations of Sentry members; however, the systemic actions and decisions remain unchanged and must be addressed with full transparency. and;

**WHEREAS**, the SGA believes the recent budget reallocation fails to adequately consider its impact on student organizations, which risks creating a climate of fear and diminishing collaboration among student groups; if these issues remain unaddressed without accountability and a commitment to fostering open dialogue, a culture of fear and retaliation may emerge, undermining the very fabric of our student community and;

**WHEREAS**, student-led journalism is facing significant budget cuts nationwide, and with CU Denver offering no other journalism opportunities aside from the Sentry, there is an urgent need to support it as a vital platform for student expression that autonomously fosters a culture of honesty, thought, and acceptance while also providing valuable job opportunities for students and;

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Sentry are vital constituents of the SGA, and we express our unwavering solidarity with their frustrations regarding the lack of financial support and the Administration's actions, or lack thereof and;

**THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED,** that the SGA condemns the Administration's divisive actions and temporary budget cuts that create competition among student organizations, undermining our community. We demand a permanent solution that prioritizes the needs of student organizations, ensuring students are never forced to choose between essential services and funding. The SGA calls for transparent communication and collaboration in budgetary decisions, with regular consultations to include diverse student voices. This resolution will be communicated to the Administration and made public to reaffirm our commitment to unity and the well-being of all students.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER,** The SGA requests representation from all Student Services on university committees involved in budgetary decision regarding budgets allocated to Student Services to ensure the voices of our constituents are accurately represented, supporting the achievement of their goals and addressing their needs.

Ratified by the Senate:

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| Savannah Brooks, *President* | Mitchell Mauro, *Vice President* |