

May 14, 2009

Motion from the Faculty Council Regarding the Silver & Gold Record

- WHEREAS, the *Silver & Gold Record* was founded in 1970 by CU faculty leaders, joined soon after by staff leaders, to communicate with their colleagues and the administration in a public university environment that values academic freedom, open debate, dialogue and free exchange in a marketplace of ideas; and
- WHEREAS, since then the *Silver & Gold Record* has evolved into the primary medium through which CU faculty and staff representatives express their views to CU officials and their fellow employees in the spirit of shared governance; and
- WHEREAS, the *Silver & Gold Record* serves as the primary medium through which the actions and decisions of the CU administration and the several campuses are reported to those most immediately affected; and
- WHEREAS, the recent decision by CU President Bruce Benson to eliminate the newspaper, without consultation with faculty and staff leaders, violates the administration's stated commitment to openness, transparency, shared governance, and accountability;

NOW, THEREFORE

- BE IT RESOLVED, The University of Colorado Faculty Council requests a deferment of the decision to remove funding from the Silver & Gold Record until options for alternative funding and production can be collaboratively investigated by the faculty, staff and administration.

Approved unanimously by the Faculty Council on May 14, 2009