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The University of Iowa Student Government: Our Mission

About

The University of Iowa Student Government is committed to enhancing the student experience on campus. By challenging ourselves and the University we seek to ensure a student-centered environment through education and advocacy.

Purpose

The University of Iowa Student Government, at its core, exists to empower students. One of the most notable roles of UISG is allocating approximately \$1.7 million from the student activity fee to fund student organizations, leadership development, and student services. We seek to ensure a student-centered environment through education and advocacy by challenging ourselves and the University. UISG consists of three branches: Executive, Legislative, and Judicial.

Outside of funding allocations and lobbying for student concerns at the local, state, and national level, UISG Representatives work to make the everyday student experience more enjoyable.

This year, per the BLOC Party platform, we are working to better lives on campus. This report is to inform the UI community about UISG, our initiatives, and our progress so far.

Meet UISG: Executive Branch

The Executive Branch serves students as direct advocates with administration, within the community, and at the state and federal levels. Executives are charged with completing specific platform initiatives, resolving campus issues and representing students through completed projects.

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Meet UISG: Legislative Branch

The Senate works in open sessions to pass legislation regarding issues of funding, pertinent student concerns, and campus projects. Senators work with the Executive Branch to complete platform initiatives and generate fresh ideas through Senate committees. These nine committees are vital to the discussion and creation of awareness campaigns, education platforms, and policy change. Senate meetings are held Tuesdays at 7 PM in 2520D UCC and students and community members are encouraged to attend.

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Academic Affairs: This committee works on any initiatives related to improving the academic experience.

Community & Outreach: This committee works to engage the campus and Iowa City community in public projects benefiting both populations as well as spreading awareness about UISG and student activities.

Diversity: This committee works with multi-cultural student organizations and works to ensure a more inclusive environment on campus.

Governmental Relations: This committee supports the work of the University's Governmental Relations Office by putting students in contact with legislators and advocating for student needs. The committee also works hard to ensure student involvement in the election process.

Internal Affairs: The Internal Affairs Committee is devoted to making sure UISG as a unit functions as efficiently as possible so our organization can best serve students.

SABAC: The Student Assembly Budgeting and Allocating Committee (SABAC) is the funding committee of UISG that allocates Student Activity Fee money to student organizations on campus.

Safety: The Safety Committee advocates for student security and creates campaigns related to campus safety.

Student Life: The UISG Student Life Committee deals with any and all things relating to enhancing student life on campus.

Sustainability: The UISG Sustainability Committee works toward establishing a more sustainable campus by working with the Office of Sustainability and collaborating with other organizations on campus.

Meet UISG: Judicial Branch

The Judicial Branch is responsible for resolution of disputes between student organizations, adjudicating parking ticket appeals, and overseeing the UISG election process should issues arise. Justices serve as the final court of appeal for all other student judiciaries on campus.

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UISG Platform Initiatives and Projects

During the spring 2016 UISG elections, the BLOC party created a platform to serve students for the upcoming 2016-2017 school year. Below are the goals presented when running in the spring, and the progress we have made since being elected. The platform initiatives are divided into “completed” and “in progress” categories for clarity. There are a mix of Executives and Senators working on each project, and if you have any questions, we encourage you to contact the representatives responsible for its research and implementation.

Academics

Completed

Hawk Shop Sales Tax Elimination

- **Description:** Iowa tax law exempts academic materials from sales tax, but the University bookstore, the Hawk Shop, was still charging tax. Recognizing this discrepancy, we recognized an opportunity to save students money and brought the issue to UI administration.
- **Executives Involved:** Rachel Zuckerman
- **Senators Involved:** Paul Ruales, Alya Mohd
- **Notes:** UISG passed legislation asking the University to stop charging sales tax on academic materials, in congruence with Iowa tax law. University administration responded, and the Hawk Shop will stop charging sales tax on all purchases. This new policy brings us closer to the goal of making textbooks more affordable for students.
- **Related News Coverage:** [UISG Takes Stand on Sales Tax](#), [Hawk Shop to drop sales tax](#)

In Progress

Common Spaces in Pentacrest Buildings

- **Description:** There are few spaces in the Pentacrest Buildings for students to study, yet a number of students spend a majority of their time in those buildings. We are working with UI administration to implement commons spaces in the Pentacrest buildings for the convenience of students and to build community among students with similar majors.
- **Executives Involved:** Michael Sylvester
- **Senators Involved:** Ojas Pradhan, Chloe Cable
- **Notes:** We have learned that some rooms in the Pentacrest area are available Monday – Thursday evening, 6:30-10:00 pm. Rooms include 221 MLH, 118 MH, 224 NH, 219 PH, E146 AJB. We are in continued conversations about making study spaces available throughout the day.

Student Access to Course Evaluations

- **Description:** The results of course evaluations are unusable by students, and we are working with UI administration to make this important information available to students.
- **Executives Involved:** Michael Sylvester, Jacob Simpson, Annabel Seeling
- **Senators Involved:** Chloe Cable, Lindsey Rayner
- **Notes:** The UISG Senate passed a resolution in support for student access to course evaluations. Proposals have been formed and presented to ITS, the Center for Teaching, Kathy Hall from CLAS, and Faculty Senate.
- **Related News Coverage:** [UISG Calls for Open Evaluations](#)

Mid-Semester Evaluations for Professors

- **Description:** We are encouraging the development of mid-semester course evaluations to make

faculty aware of students' response to teaching practices. This will encourage faculty members to make adjustments halfway through the semester based on the needs of their students.

- **Executives Involved:** N/A
- **Senators Involved:** Lindsey Rayner, Bailey Carroll, Marcus Smith
- **Notes:** We are working on collecting data from professors to gather empirical evidence to encourage all faculty to offer mid-semester evaluations in their classes the next academic year.

Pre-Professional Prep Courses

- **Description:** Increasingly, Iowa students are choosing to continue their education after the completion of their undergraduate degree by attending law school, medical school or graduate school. Placement exams—such as the GRE, MCAT, GMAT AND LSAT—often require extensive preparation. We work with faculty to provide placement exam preparatory classes.
- **Executives Involved:** Michael Sylvester, Sheng Hao Lu
- **Senators Involved:** Chloe Cable
- **Notes:** A proposal was formed and presented to Associate Provost Lon Moeller and the College of Pharmacy representative Richard Barajas. Administration will likely move forward with implementing this initiative. They are currently deciding whether these courses will be taught by graduate students or Kaplan course instructors.

Mental Health Statement on Syllabi

- **Description:** Due to the hard work of members on our ticket, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences updated its disability statement to include mental health in the spring of 2015, which will benefit students by clarifying what academic accommodations are available for students dealing with incidences related to mental health. We will encourage the other UI colleges to do the same so all faculty and students are aware of resources available for academic-related mental health concerns.
- **Executives Involved:** Michael Sylvester
- **Senators Involved:** Lindsey Rayner, Chloe Cable
- **Notes:** UISG is in the process of making modifications to the statement to ensure it is as effective as possible. We are also working on syllabi statements about sexual assault survivor academic accommodations and non-discrimination in the classroom. Once completed, these three statements will be proposed to the Provost's Office to hopefully be disseminated to all UI colleges.

Streamline Undergraduate Research

- **Description:** As a major public research institution, we should encourage undergraduate students to take advantage of top-tier research opportunities early in their education. We will work with the Iowa Center for Research by Undergraduates (ICRU) to create a First-Year Research Program, modeled after Iowa State University's mentor program, to make it easier for undergraduates to find professionals in their field who will mentor their research.
- **Executives Involved:** Jacob Simpson
- **Senators Involved:** Paul Ruales, Titus Hou, David Ehmcke, Valerie Drake
- **Notes:** UISG will meet with the Vice President for Research and Economic Development, Dan Reed, to explore options to implement a streamlined program. Senators are also meeting with CLAS faculty to learn about their process for hiring undergraduates for research.

Summer Hawk Tuition Grant for Transfer Students

- **Description:** Students who transfer to UI are ineligible for the Summer Hawk Tuition Grant, which covers all tuition costs for in-state students and the difference between in-state and out-of-state tuition for out-of-state students for one summer. We will advocate for the expansion of the Summer Hawk Tuition Grant to assist transfer students with their transition to Iowa by promoting affordability.
- **Executive lead:** N/A
- **Senators Involved:** Bailey Carroll
- **Notes:** The Summer Hawk Tuition program is currently being reviewed by administration and has an uncertain future. As a result, UISG will shift our focus to providing transfer students access to other campus scholarships.

Diversity and Inclusion

Completed

Gender Neutral Restrooms

- **Description:** With the addition of gender neutral restrooms in places like the IMU, Hancher Auditorium, and Petersen Residence Hall, the UI has made great progress on this issue in recent years. During the spring of 2015, an all-campus restroom audit took place to identify single-use restrooms that can be converted to gender neutral restrooms. Ultimately, 147 restrooms were identified as gender-inclusive. A list of all single-user, gender-neutral restrooms on campus can be found here: <https://maps.uiowa.edu/amenity/single-user-gender-inclusive-restrooms>
- **Executives Involved:** N/A
- **Senators Involved:** Sean Finn, Daniel Solon, Chloe Cable
- **Notes:** Over the past year, the University has made significant progress on this issue. Moving forward, UISG will continue to advocate for gender-neutral restrooms in buildings across campus. The goal is to have, at a minimum, one gender-inclusive restroom in every campus building.
- **Related News Coverage:** [University of Iowa converting nearly 150 campus bathrooms to gender-inclusive](#)

International Student Tours at Orientation

- **Description:** UISG hopes to see international and domestic student orientation programs better integrated to encourage friendships between students from the beginning of their time on campus. We assisted with current efforts to gather volunteers to host tours for international students and have student leaders who are eager to talk about student life during Orientation Week.
- **Executives Involved:** Brian Leal
- **Senators involved:** Akash Bhalerao
- **Notes:** Over the summer, we announced our plans to partner with UIowa Associated Residence Halls (ARH), University of Iowa Admissions Office, and University of Iowa International Programs to offer campus tours during international student orientation for the first time. We also recruited current UI students to volunteer to accompany these tours to begin fostering friendships with incoming international students. Now we are in conversation with the same partners to ensure this is a sustainable program for years to come.

Campus Route and Bus Stop for the Cultural and Resource Centers

- **Description:** The BLOC Party promised to expand the Campus routes so that they would reach the different cultural houses on campus in effort to improve access to the area and to improve the quality of the living conditions there.
- **Executives Involved:** Rachel Zuckerman, Lauren Freeman
- **Senators Involved:** N/A
- **Notes:** UISG worked with President Bruce Harreld and Parking & Transportation to implement the new Campus route and stop. It serves as an important improvement for the students who use the cultural centers, as it increases accessibility for students wishing to maximize use of the facilities.

Trans-Inclusive University of Iowa Health Plan

- **Description:** For transgender individuals, a safe and timely transition, as prescribed by their physicians, is medically necessary. Studies show that it is more costly to withhold health insurance coverage for transition needs because of the high costs related to mental health, substance abuse help, etc. that accrue when individuals cannot transition appropriately. UISG worked to expand coverage for all transition healthcare needs.
- **Executives Involved:** Rachel Zuckerman, Lauren Freeman
- **Senators involved:** Sean Finn
- **Notes:** Thanks to the advocacy of students in and outside of UISG, the new health plan launched for the fall semester and is now available to anyone needing these services.

Preferred Pronouns and Preferred Names

- **Description:** The University changed record-keeping data to hold preferred names, pronouns, and gender as separate from sex. UISG worked to ensure this new practice was seen to completion and reflected in the way records are handled throughout UI.
- **Executives Involved:** Rachel Zuckerman, Lauren Freeman
- **Senators Involved:** Sean Finn
- **Notes:** This change will set high standards for inclusivity and make Iowa a model for peer institutions in the Big Ten and across the nation.

Humans of UI Election Response

- **Description:** In light of the results of the 2016 presidential election, many UI students across the political spectrum reached out to UISG to ask that we facilitate an opportunity for students to listen to one another. UISG worked to create an outlet for students to voice their feelings on the election results, by inviting students to write a response and take a photograph for UISG to share in a “Humans of New York” style photo album on Facebook.
- **Executives Involved:** Rachel Zuckerman, Lauren Freeman
- **Senators Involved:** N/A
- **Notes:** The Humans of UI photo album is on UISG’s Facebook page and received a significant amount of positive attention. We are looking to expand this initiative to include other populations on campus and their perspectives such as first-generation students, international students, and student with disabilities.

Cultural Center Community Discussions with University Leadership

- **Description:** UISG and GPSG organized community discussions at all four Cultural and Resource Centers with President Harreld. This was an opportunity to engage in direct conversation with students who use the centers. It was a wonderful time to engage in productive dialogue about how we can work together to make our campus community more inclusive and how we can continue to improve the Centers.
- **Executives Involved:** Rachel Zuckerman, Lauren Freeman, Brian Leal
- **Senators Involved:** Alya Mohd, Jessica Owens
- **Notes:** UISG members are currently working with a team of administrators to develop a plan to respond to the comprehensive list of concerns that we heard during the discussions. We will plan follow-up conversations to update students on this progress.

Advocate for the Hiring of Diverse Faculty and Staff

- **Description:** UISG will work with academic administration to continue advocating for the hiring of diverse faculty members and university staff. Research suggests it is important for students to learn from people who then identify with. Hiring faculty members from a wide variety of backgrounds is an important first step towards eliminating microaggressions in the classroom and solidifying University-wide commitment to supporting a welcoming academic environment.
- **Executives Involved:** Rachel Zuckerman, Lauren Freeman
- **Senators Involved:** Chloe Cable
- **Notes:** UISG passed a joint resolution with the Graduate & Professional Student Government in support of the university hiring more diverse faculty and staff. Our advocacy, combined with the advocacy of others, led to the University including the goal of recruiting and retaining diverse faculty and staff in the 2016-2021 strategic plan.

Support “All In” Residence Hall LLC

- **Description:** University Housing & Dining responded to student advocates and groups like Spectrum UI, Trans Alliance, and oSTEM in the creation of the “All In” living learning community. This new LLC, which will be introduced to campus for the 2017-2018 academic year, will be focused on creating a community for LGBTQ+ students in the residence halls.
- **Executives Involved:** N/A
- **Senators Involved:** Sean Finn, Daniel Solon
- **Notes:** UISG passed legislation in support of the creation of this new LLC. The idea is currently being developed in Residence Education and the LLC should be available for fall 2017 incoming students.
- **Related News Coverage:** [UISG All In On Creating All In Community](#)

National Pan-Hellenic Council Plots

- **Description:** The NPHC is composed of 9 traditionally Black, unhoused Greek chapters. NPHC has had a presence at the University of Iowa since 1911. In order to celebrate the significant contributions these organizations have had at the UI, the IMU has dedicated a plot of land near Danforth Chapel to commemorate the “Divine Nine” NPHC chapters. The total project cost was about \$60,000.
- **Executives Involved:** Rachel Zuckerman, Lauren Freeman, Noopur Inani
- **Senators Involved:** Brooke Kimbrough, Anthony Yang
- **Notes:** UISG passed a bill to give \$7,700 to support this project. GPSG will also contribute, thus making the total student government gift \$10,000 for the plots.
- **Related News Coverage:** [UISG Gets on Board with Black Chapters](#)

Support “No Dakota Access Pipeline” Movement

- **Description:** The Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL) is an underground crude oil pipeline that passes through North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, and Illinois. The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe expressed concern about this pipeline because of the potential for it to threaten their water supply and interfere with cultural, religious, and ancient burial sites. UISG Senators Owens and Finn proposed legislation to stand in solidarity with the activists calling for “No DAPL.”
- **Executives Involved:** N/A
- **Senators Involved:** Jessica Owens, Sean Finn
- **Notes:** UISG passed legislation that resolved to stand in solidarity with the No DAPL Movement. In December, President Obama called for a halt to construction of the pipeline.
- **Related News Coverage:** [UISG Opposes Pipeline](#)

Trans* Student Support Fund

- **Description:** This semester UISG worked with the Dean of Students and Student Legal Services to create a fund that will help transgender students who are transitioning obtain legal documents like a driver’s license and birth certificate with their correct gender and preferred name. This fund provides monetary support to students with demonstrated financial need and can be utilized by contacting the Dean of Students.
- **Executives Involved:** Rachel Zuckerman, Lauren Freeman, Noopur Inani
- **Senators Involved:** Sean Finn
- **Notes:** With co-sponsorship between UISG and GPSG, this fund will total \$1,500 each year.
- **Related News Coverage:** [UISG, UI fund to aid trans students](#)

In Progress

Removing Umbrella Structures

- **Description:** UISG would like to re-evaluate and improve the process for the selection of Constituency Senators. The goal is to ensure better representation of University of Iowa students by involving all pertinent student organizations in the Senator selection process. We hope this yields a more collaborative process that ensures the representation of all identities and fair resource allocation among multicultural groups.
- **Executives Involved:** Brian Leal, Sheng Hao Lu
- **Senators Involved:** Paul Ruales
- **Notes:** Currently, we are working with individual communities to identify a system that works best for them and will institute a new process for the spring 2017 elections.

Increased Outreach to First Generation Students

- **Description:** The UI has a proud history of supporting first-generation college students. UISG hopes to continue and expand current efforts to provide first-generation students with career, academic and financial mentorship at Iowa.
- **Executives Involved:** Brian Leal, Sheng Hao Lu
- **Senators Involved:** Lillian Sanchez, Bruno Ponce, Paul Ruales
- **Notes:** We have narrowed down dates for an event to celebrate first generation students on campus. At this event, we plan to have information about campus resources available to first-gen students, ranging from financial literacy services to student organizations like First Generation Iowa.

Comprehensive Plan for Cultural & Resource Centers

- **Description:** The four cultural and resource centers on the West Side of campus have the potential to be great resources for Iowa students. Currently, however, some of the cultural houses have leaking roofs, broken A/C, low staffing, short hours, and a general lack of upkeep. UISG plans to work with students who use the cultural houses to determine the best plan of action for the future of the houses. We will talk to student organization leaders who have stakes in the cultural centers to determine the best course of action for the future of the houses.
- **Executives Involved:** Rachel Zuckerman, Lauren Freeman, Brian Leal
- **Senators Involved:** Paul Ruales
- **Notes:** Some major strides have been made on this initiative. Over the summer, UISG advocated for and successfully secured the support of administrators to make short-term, structural improvements in all four centers. These changes are intended to ensure that the houses are functional while we pursue a long-term plan with the communities that use the centers.

NCBI Training for UISG Executives

- **Description:** To better understand the diverse backgrounds of students on campus, UISG executives are committed to undergoing NCBI training on an annual basis.
- **Executives Involved:** Brian Leal
- **Senators Involved:** N/A
- **Notes:** UISG has confirmed dates and will undergo training during the spring semester. We are also working with CDO employee Brianna Marcelo to expand NCBI trainings for other students. Currently, most NCBI trainings are offered during the week and we are looking to have more sessions on Saturdays.

Halal Food On-Campus

- **Description:** UISG hopes to accommodate the dietary needs of more students by improving access to halal foods at campus dining centers.
- **Executives Involved:** N/A
- **Senators Involved:** Alya Mohd
- **Notes:** Currently, University Dining is working with other universities in Iowa to look at the quality of halal meat provided by their contract distributor.

Johnson County Community ID

- **Description:** Some UI students and people in the Iowa City community have trouble gaining traditional forms of identification, like a driver's license. UISG hopes to work with community partners to make the recently-created Johnson County Community ID more visible and widespread.
- **Executives Involved:** N/A
- **Senators Involved:** Lilian Sanchez, Bruno Ponce
- **Notes:** Currently, UISG members are working to integrate community IDs on campus. They are presenting to the Center for Workers Justice, who helped create the Johnson County community ID, and will work with this group moving forward to raise awareness for community IDs on campus.

International Student Support

- **Description:** UISG wants to ensure that all international students feel welcome and supported on campus. We are researching a variety of ways to improve the international experience at Iowa.
- **Executives Involved:** Brian Leal
- **Senators Involved:** Tom Bowman, Ranan Fattal, Akash Bhalerao
- **Notes:** Members of UISG have scheduled a meeting with President Harreld to discuss options to complement support and outreach work that offices and student organizations already do for international students.

Completed

Campus Voter Registration and Turnout Efforts

- **Description:** Millennials have historically voted at low levels in US elections. In hopes of raising turnout at the University of Iowa, UISG aimed to register over 4,000 students for the 2016 elections.
- **Executives Involved:** Andrew Namanny, Rachel Zuckerman, Lauren Freeman
- **Senators Involved:** Mitchell Dunn, Hallee Haygood, Andy Han, Lilian Sanchez
- **Notes:** UISG collaborated with the Iowa Secretary of State's office to contract with TurboVote, a platform that allows students to register to vote online and get information about how to vote. UISG helped register 3,562 new voters on campus and our "get out the vote" efforts helped contribute to the record-breaking voter turnout in Johnson County this year.
- **Related News Coverage:** [Turbo-ing the Vote for College Students](#)

Walk 2 Vote Event

- **Description:** To ensure high student voter turnout, UISG hosted an exciting event to encourage students to vote early at the IMU. We partnered with a class from the Event Planning certificate program to organize this event.
- **Executives Involved:** Andrew Namanny
- **Senators Involved:** Mitchell Dunn
- **Notes:** The event was successfully held on October 24th at Old Brick.

Election Night Watch Party

- **Description:** UISG hosted an election results viewing party to excited students about the democratic process. Again, we partnered with a class from the Event Planning certificate program to organize this event.
- **Executives Involved:** Andrew Namanny
- **Senators Involved:** Mitchell Dunn
- **Notes:** The event was held on Election Night, November 8th, and was very well attended by students.

Mental Health Monday Congressional Advocacy

- **Description:** President Zuckerman worked with Big Ten leaders through the Association of Big Ten Students to organize a day of federal advocacy surrounding mental health legislation, including the Mental Health on Campus Improvement Act and Mental Health Reform Act. The goal was to ensure that mental health legislation became a priority of the lame duck session before Congress adjourned for the year.
- **Executives Involved:** Rachel Zuckerman
- **Senators Involved:** N/A
- **Notes:** With the help of student advocacy, the 114th US Congress passed the 21st Century Cures Act in December 2016, which allocates new resources and support to mental health and addiction services.
- **Related News Coverage:** [Big Ten Students Advocate for Mental Health Legislation Reform](#), [Students Unite on Mental Health](#)

Iowa City Apartment Recycling

- **Description:** A large portion of our UI student population lives in off-campus housing. Iowa City apartments have not been required to provide the opportunity for their tenants to recycle, forcing students to either forego recycling completely or take their items to a recycling facility. This has serious sustainability implications for the city, so UISG began advocating for the city to require all apartments to provide recycling for their tenants.
- **Executives Involved:** Jake Simpson, Benjamin Nelson
- **Senators Involved:** Jamie Porter, Ranan Fattal
- **Notes:** After nearly four years of advocacy by UISG members, the Iowa City City Council passed an ordinance requiring all apartment complexes to provide tenants with access to recycling services.
- **Related News Coverage:** [City Eyes Recycling Moves](#)

In progress

Advocate for a State-Wide Medical Amnesty Law

- **Description:** Medical amnesty is a policy that protects persons who are victims of a medical emergency that involves some sort of illicit activity from prosecution related to the aforementioned activity. The University of Iowa has a policy similar to this known as the Responsible Action Protocol (RAP) that would protect students from academic discipline but not legal discipline. A medical amnesty policy providing legal protection can only be implemented at the state level, therefore UISG has been working in conjunction with Iowa State's student government to develop an appropriate policy and lobby for said policy once the legislative session convenes in January.
- **Executives Involved:** Benjamin Nelson, Andrew Namanny, Rachel Zuckerman, Lauren Freeman
- **Senators Involved:** Lilian Sanchez, Tom Bowman, Mitchell Dunn
- **Notes:** The first semester of the academic school year focused on policy development, receiving feedback from administrators, law enforcement, and legislators revising the policy proposal as needed. The UISG Senate passed a resolution supporting a state-wide medical amnesty policy. UISG will continue their advocacy efforts and travel to Des Moines to advocate for the passage of a bill once the legislative session begins in January 2017.
- **Related News Coverage:** [UISG Moves on Medical Amnesty](#)

Lobby for Tuition Affordability

- **Description:** We continued UISG's long history of meeting with state and federal legislators to ensure our representatives understand the value of a University of Iowa education. We worked tirelessly to ensure UI students get the highest quality education for the most affordable price.
- **Executives Involved:** Andrew Namanny, Rachel Zuckerman, Lauren Freeman
- **Senators Involved:** Mitchell Dunn
- **Notes:** Over the summer, President Zuckerman gathered student feedback about the Board of Regents proposed tuition increase and suggested a compromise proposal at the June Board meeting. The Regents responded by lowering the tuition increase for resident students by \$50. UISG has continued to meet with state legislators to advocate for state appropriations and with the Board of Regents to advocate for smaller increases and more equal increases between resident and non-resident students.
- **Related News Coverage:** [Regents Mull Tuition Increase](#), [Tuition on the Loose Again](#), [Regents Take First Step Toward Tuition Increase](#), [Regents Move Closer to Tuition Hikes at UI, ISU, UNI](#)

Hawkeye Caucus

- **Description:** Each year, UISG collaborates with Hawkeye Caucus to take busloads of students to the Iowa State Capitol to advocate for tuition affordability with state legislators. This year, UISG has created a state legislative agenda that includes more issues that face students other than tuition.
- **Executives Involved:** Andrew Namanny, Rachel Zuckerman, Lauren Freeman
- **Senators Involved:** Mitchell Dunn
- **Notes:** UISG hosted a successful Hawkeye Caucus training with local legislators at our Tuesday, December 6th meeting. Hawkeye Caucus Day 2017 is planned for April 4th.

Safety

Completed

UISG Response to Hate Crime on Campus

- **Description:** In light of a reported hate crime committed at the University of Iowa, the University of Iowa Student government worked with the Office of the President and GPSG to release a statement that encouraged diversity and inclusion on campus while also condemning the violent act altogether.
- **Executives Involved:** Rachel Zuckerman, Lauren Freeman, Kelly Shearer
- **Senators Involved:** Tayo Ajose
- **Notes:** UISG worked with the Office of the President and GPSG to release another statement post investigation. In light of the incident, the University opened up the Biased Actions Response Team (BART) to combat prejudicial biases on campus. UISG also allowed for unlimited access to Safe Ride services until the end of finals

It's On Us Welcome Week

- **Description:** It's On Us was started by President Obama's administration to bring national awareness to the issue of sexual violence and misconduct on college campuses. UISG wants to continue the work by exploring awareness, education, and policy options. Studies indicate that most sexual assaults occur within the first six weeks of the semester. Thus, UISG sought to launch the campaign early in the year to proactively combat the issue.
- **Executives Involved:** Rachel Zuckerman, Lauren Freeman, Sara Bultsma
- **Senators Involved:** Lily Burns
- **Notes:** This year, UISG hosted a week of welcome to encourage students to take the It's On Us Pledge and help stop sexual assault on campus. Executives, Senators, and other Iowa students were encouraged to change their profile pictures on Facebook to raise awareness of the issue, hosted a photo campus, and wrote an op-ed for the Daily Iowan. UISG will also be aiming to make sure this event continues in future administrations on campus.

University of Iowa It's On Us PSA

- **Description:** The national It's On Us organization creates PSAs to educate people and invite them to take the pledge and take a stand against campus sexual assault. Schools across the country have taken that model and created PSAs specific to their campuses with their own student leaders and university administration. UISG worked to create a PSA specific to our campus.
- **Executives Involved:** Sara Bultsma
- **Senators Involved:** Rachel Langholz, Lily Burns
- **Notes:** The PSA was created and stars UI student athletes, student leaders, and UI President Harreld. UISG shared the PSA on social media, and hopes to collaborate with university athletics to show it at future football and basketball games. The PSA can viewed here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PIqEwJHmNDo>

Student Mental Health Fee

- **Description:** While mental health has been a growing topic on college campuses across the nation, the University of Iowa campus has continued to struggle to provide an adequate amount of mental health resources for our growing student population. In order to combat this issue, UISG advocated for mental health funding from the state legislature last year. When those efforts did not result in additional funding, UISG began advocating for a new student mental health fee.
- **Executives Involved:** Rachel Zuckerman, Lauren Freeman, Andrew Namanny
- **Senators Involved:** N/A
- **Notes:** In addition to last year's UISG administration advocacy efforts, this year UISG proposed and advocated for a new student mental health fee to the Board of Regents. The Board passed this new fee during their December meeting. This new fee puts the UI on track to hiring eight new counselors for the University Counseling Services by 2018, which will help reduce wait times for counseling appointments

and expand counseling resources on campus.

- **Related News Coverage:** [UI Student Groups Back Mental Health Fee](#), [Tuition to increase at Iowa's state universities](#)

Addiction and Substance Abuse Recovery Services

- **Description:** UISG is working to provide more formal support to students attempting to recover from substance abuse and addiction. There are currently several models of institutional support on campuses throughout the US, and we will work to determine the model that will best fit the University of Iowa.
- **Executives Involved:** Rachel Zuckerman, Lauren Freeman
- **Senators Involved:** N/A
- **Notes:** Discussions with the University Counseling Services, Student Health and Wellness, UIHC, and other campus partners are occurring to establish support services for students. UCS will launching a new support group for recovering students who would like to explore sobriety next semester.

True@theU Mental Health Awareness Video Campaign

- **Description:** True@TheU was started by UISG Senators last year and officially launched this year in partnership with Active Minds at the University of Iowa. The goal of True@theU is to encourage dialogue around mental health concerns by sharing stories, thoughts, and advice from University of Iowa community members. As part of this campaign, nearly 20 UI students got on camera to share their story about mental health in an effort to destigmatize mental illness.
- **Executives Involved:** Rachel Zuckerman
- **Senators involved:** Lily Burns
- **Notes:** True@theU videos were shared throughout the month of October as part of a month of activities surrounding mental health.
- **Related News Coverage:** [Guest Opinion: At UI, Your Mental Health Matters](#), [UI Groups Move on Mental Health](#)

In Progress

Improve off Campus Lighting

- **Description:** All students should feel safe walking home at night. UISG is working to identify off-campus areas with inadequate lighting and communicate with the City to address the problem areas.
- **Executives Involved:** Sara Bultsma
- **Senators Involved:** Connor Gronski, Lily Burns
- **Notes:** UISG performed a walk around the entire UI campus to determine which lights needed repair. We will be working towards improving their conditions with Facilities Management next semester.

Anti-Stalking Campaign

- **Description:** Stalking, especially cyber-stalking, is a growing problem on our campus. We will work with local enforcement to develop educational programs that keep students safe from perpetrators stalking.
- **Executives Involved:** Sara Bultsma
- **Senators Involved:** N/A
- **Notes:** UISG is collaborating with RVAP and WRAC to create an anti-stalking poster campaign that helps students understand what stalking is and where to get help if they are being stalked. The posters will be distributed across campus, on social media, in Cambuses, and promoted by WRAC, University of Iowa social media, UISG, and RVAP.

Student Life

Completed:

Monthly Coffee on T-Anne Cleary Walkway

- **Description:** During the Spring Semester of 2016, UISG hosted its first ever “Breakfast with UISG” where students received free coffee and could talk with UISG officials to learn more about them. The event was a great success. UISG will continue this initiative with free coffee monthly to hear student feedback and interact with our constituents.
- **Executives Involved:** Noopur Inani
- **Senators Involved:** Daniel Solon
- **Notes:** We have successfully hosted three events this semester and have had a great response from students. We enjoy the opportunity to engage with students and discuss issues that are important to them. We plan to continue Breakfast with UISG next semester as well.

Umbrella and Charger Check Out at IMU Welcome Center

- **Description:** UISG hopes to expand the popular UISG Charger Checkout program that currently exists in the Main Library and add it to the IMU Welcome Desk. The Charger Checkout program will allow students to borrow phone and laptop chargers with their student ID. We also know a major inconvenience for students is forgetting an umbrella at home on a rainy day. UISG is working with the IMU Welcome Center to have umbrellas available to check out with a student ID.
- **Executives Involved:** N/A
- **Executives Involved:** Ben Hyland, Lindsey Rayner
- **Notes:** A check out and inventory system will be installed at the Welcome Center in next semester. There will be Umbrellas and phone chargers available for students to checkout use their university ID.

Yik Yak “Down Vote Hate” Campaign

- **Description:** UISG launched a new marketing campaign called “Down Vote Hate,” which encourages students to down vote negative, hateful, or bigoted messages on online platforms such as Yik Yak.
- **Executives Involved:** Kelly Shearer, Rachel Zuckerman, Lauren Freeman
- **Senators Involved:** N/A
- **Notes:** For more information about the campaign, follow the link to UISG’S Down Vote Hate page on our website: <https://uisg.uiowa.edu/campaigns/down-vote-hate/>.
- **Related News Coverage:** [Hate Speech Gets a “No”](#)

Movie Screening of “Starving the Beast”

- **Description:** UISG wants to help educate students on the costs of a college education and what students can do to gain a better understanding of the problems facing academic society. Therefore, UISG is proud to be working with the University to show the film “Starving the Beast.”
- **Executives Involved:** Andrew Namanny
- **Senators Involved:** N/A
- **Notes:** The showing had over 400 people attending it. As a follow up, UISG is looking to fund a speaker to talk about college affordability during the spring semester.

Yoga on Campus

- **Description:** Outdoor yoga is a favorite event during On Iowa, and yoga has been shown to relieve stress and improve mental health. UISG will partner with Recreation Services to have outdoor yoga sessions throughout the year in places like Hubbard Park.
- **Executives Involved:** Andrew Namanny
- **Senators Involved:** N/A
- **Notes:** Many students participated in the event and UISG hopes to continue hosting the event down the road

Undergraduate Food Accessibility and Affordability Task Force

- **Description:** President Zuckerman commissioned a task force to look at the issue of student access to affordable food. This task force is looking at issues including but not limited to: affordability, food insecurity, food stamps and other government programs, local/fresh/sustainable options, the availability of affordable and healthy options on and near campus, University Housing and Dining, and BLOC Party platform items related to food/dining.
- **Executives Involved:** Rachel Zuckerman, Jacob Simpson, Benjamin Nelson, Shelby Cain
- **Senators Involved:** Lindsey Rayner
- **Notes:** The foremost priority of this group will be to propose problems and solutions to the University's Student Housing and Dining Strategy Implementation Team (SIT 6). This taskforce has met three times this semester and members have discussed and researched more nutritional options in the dining halls and C-Store, displaying nutritional facts with food on-campus, affordability metrics for food on and off-campus, and much more. The taskforce will continue meeting and working next semester.

Undergraduate Housing Task Force

- **Description:** President Zuckerman commissioned a task force to look the issue of student housing. This task force is looking at issues including but not limited to: affordability, landlord-tenant relations, Iowa City policies, University Housing and Dining, and BLOC Party platform items related to housing.
- **Executives Involved:** Rachel Zuckerman, Jacob Simpson, Benjamin Nelson, Lauren Freeman
- **Senators Involved:** Mariah Prendergast
- **Notes:** The foremost priority of this group will be to propose problems and solutions to the University's Student Housing and Dining Strategy Implementation Team (SIT 6). The task force has met three times this semester and discussed and researched what other universities are doing to tackle this issue, an affordability metric for student housing, and strategies to make on-campus housing more affordable for students, and much more. The taskforce will continue meeting and working next semester.
- **Related News Coverage:** [Affordable Housing Draws Attention](#)

Monthly Lean In Circle

- **Description:** Each month, UISG hosts Lean In Circles meetings for female-identifying students on campus. Inspired by the Sheryl Sandberg's national bestseller "Lean In," UISG Lean In Circles aim to provide a space where women from all backgrounds can gain peer support, learn to advocate for themselves, and celebrate one another's accomplishments.
- **Executives Involved:** Lauren Freeman, Rachel Zuckerman
- **Senators Involved:** N/A
- **Notes:** UISG hosted three successful circles this semester and plans on hosting more next semester.
- **Related News Coverage:** [Learning to "Lean In" Together](#)

Improve Wi-Fi at Kinnick

- **Description:** Information Technology Services (ITS) is constantly updating campus Wi-Fi to make it faster, easier and better for students. As Wi-Fi improvement projects continue, we are encouraging ITS to expand improved Wi-Fi to Historic Kinnick Stadium so it is not as difficult to access the Internet on game days.
- **Executives Involved:** N/A
- **Senators Involved:** Emma Stier
- **Notes:** Athletics has been involved in negotiations to provide more Wi-Fi at Kinnick. These improvements are planned to be in place as soon as contracts are signed. The improvements will be solidified and installed by the next football season.

In Progress

Art Murals in UI Tunnels

- **Description:** The University of Iowa has a number of tunnels on walking paths across campus that provide a blank slate for talented UI art students to create beautiful murals that make our campus more vibrant. UISG is working to acquire permission to work with the Art Department to create murals on these tunnels.
- **Executives Involved:** N/A

- **Senators Involved:** Emma Stier, Abby Simon, Valeria Drake
- **Notes:** UISG has acquired permission from Facilities Management and the railroad company that the tunnels are associated with. Next steps include working with the Art Department to solidify a plan moving forward to create murals on these tunnels.

Lockers on Campus

- **Description:** Unlike graduate students, staff and faculty, undergraduates have the unique challenge of not having offices on campus to store their belongings. Instead, they rely on carrying around overly-stuffed backpacks all day long. We would like to install lockers available to undergraduates in the Main Library or the IMU.
- **Executives Involved:** N/A
- **Senators Involved:** Alexia Sanchez, Tom Bowman
- **Notes:** We have received a good amount of feedback on the demand of students on campus and will be meeting with Dr. Bill Nelson in a week or two to discuss our findings and hopefully move towards finalizing plans for installing lockers in the IMU. Ideally, the free locker rental system will be good to go for the spring semester.

Celebrate Undergraduate Art

- **Description:** UI has outstanding and innovative art programs. We will encourage the placement of a gallery in the IMU to showcase the creative work of undergraduate students in these programs. The Iowa City community is known for celebrating arts and the humanities, and we would like to give our peers a chance to celebrate artistic work in a visible campus space. We will also collaborate with undergraduate art students to paint the white tunnels on campus, like the one by the IMU, to enhance our campus visual culture.
- **Executives Involved:** N/A
- **Senators Involved:** Lindsey Rayner, Alexia Sanchez, Lily Burns
- **Notes:** In addition to the murals on campus tunnels that undergraduate art students will most likely get to showcase their artistic talents through, UISG is also working to incorporate more undergraduate art within the IMU. UISG is working to create a proposal requesting that a mural is painted by an undergraduate student in the IMU.

Food Trucks on Campus

- **Description:** UISG is striving to provide UI students with efficient and affordable food vendors so they can grab healthy meals between classes. Food trucks offer such service and would add to the culture of the University of Iowa community. The BLOC Party will advocate for relaxed restrictions on food trucks on campus and work with UI Housing & Dining to encourage the development of food truck initiatives.
- **Executives Involved:** Lauren Freeman
- **Senators Involved:** Lindsey Rayner, Lily Burns
- **Notes:** Hosted two food trucks near the IMU on Friday, October 28th for "Spooky Food Truck Friday." 97 students, faculty, and staff visited the lunch time event. An Operations Team ad hoc team has been created to evaluate issues and provide recommendations on campus. This committee has put together a proposal for the Operations Team to review. The proposal's contents covered a goal to produce a list of University approved locations and vendors. It also will contain a guide for student organizations or departments to communicate clear steps in the process to invite the approved food trucks to the approved locations. The approval of this proposal is pending.

Moped Parking Permits

- **Description:** The City of Iowa City and the University of Iowa require separate permits for moped parking. UISG is working with stakeholders to converge these permits into one streamlined process. Additionally, we will advocate for more moped parking, as there currently is not enough to meet the high demand.
- **Executives Involved:** N/A
- **Senators Involved:** Bailey Carrol, Ranan Fattal, Lindsey Rayner
- **Notes:** UISG members have been meeting with Parking & Transportation representatives. There will be specific information added to campus parking maps regarding moped needs. Data is being collected on the current use of mopeds on campus. Some initial steps and meetings are taking place in order to integrate the purchasing of moped permits for the University and the purchasing of moped permits for Iowa City.

Student Discounts at Downtown Businesses

- **Description:** UISG is working with local businesses to organize discounts for Iowa students. Many groups, including Fraternity and Sorority Life, already have programs like this in place and we hope to see it expanded to the student body. Once discounts have been secured, we will make a user-friendly guide to student discounts downtown to help make the UI experience more affordable.
- **Executive Leads:** Jacob Simpson, Lauren Freeman
- **Senators Involved:** Ranan Fattal
- **Notes:** Communications with Nancy Bird (Iowa City Downtown District) are underway. Ways in collecting information of student discounts within the Downtown District Business are being explored in collaboration with Nancy Bird.

Student Organizations

Completed:

Increase Travel Funding for Student Organizations

- **Description:** When student organizations have the opportunity to travel together, they spread Hawkeye pride across the country while also benefiting from invaluable professional development and personal growth opportunities. Yet, student organizations are continuously underfunded for travel. We increased the UISG funds available for student organization travel.
- **Executives Involved:** Noopur Inani
- **Senators Involved:** Adam Dellos
- **Notes:** UISG increased TEA funding for student organizations. This increase allowed us to fund more student organizations' requests for travel funding.

In Progress:

Streamline Budget Application Process

- **Description:** Currently, the fiscal and supplemental period budget applications do not reflect the maximum funding standards that determine the amount of funds UISG can allocate to particular line items. We will update the applications to better reflect UISG's maximum funding standards so the application is easier for student organization leaders and so these organizations get the most financial support from UISG as possible.
- **Executives Involved:** Noopur Inani
- **Senators Involved:** Rachel Langholz, Ojas Pradhan, Adam Dellos
- **Notes:** UISG has already taken steps to simplify the process for student organizations to apply for funding. We are in final stages of streamlining the process completely.

UISG Student Leader Scholarship Endowment

- **Description:** UISG is looking to create a scholarship fund to provide student leaders help who often have less time to work some extra support. There are socio-economic discrepancies to taking on a leadership position in a student organization on this campus and we hope this scholarship will help alleviate the financial burden for those affected.
- **Executives Involved:** Noopur Inani
- **Senators Involved:** Noel Mills, Micah Augusma
- **Notes:** UISG members are in the initial planning stages of creating an endowment that would fund this scholarship and are creating specific criteria for scholarship applicants.

Sustainability

Completed

Increase Green Initiative Funding (GIF)

- **Description:** UISG's Green Initiatives Fund of \$10,000 offers student organizations an opportunity to fund sustainability initiatives. An increasing number of student organizations request money each year, and we made sure this trend continued by increasing the amount of funds available for request.
- **Executives Involved:** Shelby Cain, Noopur Inani, Kelly Shearer
- **Senators Involved:** Akash Bhalerao, Sean Finn
- **Notes:** The GIF fund is now \$13,000, which provides more organizations the opportunity to apply and receive funds. We have also increased marketing for this fund, such as adding an ad within OrgSync.

Bike Service Stations

- **Description:** To encourage more bike use on campus, UISG funded bike fix-it stations at the IMU, Burge and Hillcrest for students to re-pump their tires and make any necessary repairs to their bike.
- **Executives Involved:** Shelby Cain
- **Senators Involved:** N/A
- **Notes:** The bike fix-it stations have been installed and are very popular among student bike riders.

Student Carpooling Network

- **Description:** Transportation to and from home or work can often be both unsustainable for the environment and costly for students. UISG developed an easy way for University of Iowa students, faculty, and staff to find others with which to carpool, decreasing monetary and environmental costs. We considered models used by other Big Ten universities, which promote the safety of student users by creating a closed system accessible only to university students.
- **Executives Involved:** Kelly Shearer
- **Senators Involved:** Akash Bhalerao, Bruno Ponce
- **Notes:** Parking & Transportation has created a RideShare Network for all student to use. UISG has is now in the process of marketing this new service for students

Bike Lanes Downtown

- **Description:** Biking is a sustainable and convenient mode of transportation for students. UI's campus is generally bike-friendly, but Iowa City remains difficult to maneuver. To alleviate the difficulty, UISG advocated for the development of bike lanes downtown and in other areas heavily populated by students.
- **Executives Involved:** Jacob Simpson
- **Senators Involved:** N/A
- **Notes:** Iowa City has moved forward with installing new bike lanes downtown.

Campus Garden

- **Description:** UISG will work closely with the UI Gardeners to advocate for a garden on main campus that provides local, fresh food for students and many educational opportunities for students and University of Iowa community members.
- **Executives Involved:** Jacob Simpson
- **Senators Involved:** Akash Bhalerao
- **Notes:** UISG allocated around \$17,000 to support the student garden creation near North Hall. These funds are in collaboration with the financial investment that Facilities Management will make to help support the development of the garden.

Campus Produce Cart

- **Description:** UISG collaborated with UI Gardeners, a local CSA, and Food Pantry at Iowa to provide free fresh produce to students and raise awareness for the food pantry.
- **Executives Involved:** Shelby Cain
- **Senators Involved:** N/A
- **Notes:** The first few produce carts were incredibly successful. Students were grateful for the access to healthy foods and were able to gather food data on current issues with food in Iowa City. UISG is looking into expanding this initiative into a farmer's market at the IMU for students.

- **Related News Coverage:** [Produce Cart Returns to Campus](#)

Educate Student Organization Leaders on Ethical T-shirts

- **Description:** UISG is working with different student organizations to make sure they make their apparel purchases from the most sustainable and ethical companies possible.
- **Executives Involved:** Shelby Cain
- **Senators Involved:** Brody Armstrong
- **Notes:** UISG sent out a message to student leaders through org sync to inform them on ethical t-shirt companies and why it is important to purchase shirts from these companies instead of unethical providers. We will continue our efforts in educating students about ethical t-shirt purchasing.

UISG Sustainable Apparel

- **Description:** UISG is ensuring that all clothing we purchase is sustainable and ethically-produced. We will also make sure that all UISG events with food are supplied with compostable utensils.
- **Executives Involved:** N/A
- **Senators Involved:** Akash Bhalerao, Hallee Haygood, Brody Armstrong
- **Notes:** UISG passed legislation this fall that created protocol within the organization to follow these sustainable practices.

Advocating for Life Sciences Curriculum

- **Description:** Currently, the University is lacking certain life sciences courses that are essential to certain fields. UISG is hoping to add more of these types of courses to provide students this important learning experience.
- **Executives Involved:** N/A
- **Senators Involved:** Abigail Simon, Bailey Carroll, Akash Bhalerao
- **Notes:** UISG passed legislation in support of adding life sciences courses to the university's curriculum.
- **Related News Coverage:** [UISG Pushed Administration on Science Classes](#)

In Progress

Take What You Need, Eat What You Take Campaign

- **Description:** Because the Burge and Hillcrest Marketplace's are all-you-can-eat, large amounts of food are thrown away. The Take What You Need, Eat What You Take campaign will encourage students to decrease the food waste in the dining halls.
- **Executives Involved:** Shelby Cain
- **Senators Involved:** Akash Bhalerao
- **Notes:** UISG reached out to University Housing and Dining, and is in the works of setting up the program.

Composting on Campus

- **Description:** UISG will work with the Office of Sustainability to continue to expand composting services in UI buildings.
- **Executives Involved:** Shelby Cain
- **Senators Involved:** N/A
- **Notes:** UISG members are currently meeting with the Office of Sustainability and the President's Path Forward Operations Team to explore ways in which the University can incorporate composting on campus.

FSL Sustainability Charter

- **Description:** Currently, fraternity and sorority houses lack basic recycling and composting capabilities. UISG is collaborating with FSL leaders to pursue sustainability initiatives within this community.
- **Executives Involved:** Shelby Cain
- **Senators Involved:** Greyson Zaun, Hallee Haygood, Akash Bhalerao
- **Notes:** UISG is currently in the works of establishing a Charter Committee for sorority and fraternity members interested in sustainability to join and more easily collaborate on FSL sustainability initiatives. UISG also passed legislation in support of this Charter.

Encourage Athletics and UIHC Sustainable Practices

- **Description:** Due to the size of UI's Athletics Department and the UI Hospitals & Clinics and their footprint, UISG is encouraging these entities on campus to adopt more sustainable practices.
- **Executives Involved:** Shelby Cain
- **Senators Involved:** Akash Bhalerao, Noel Mills
- **Notes:** UISG has passed legislation in support of these efforts and has met with Athletics to discuss ways to move forward with this initiative.
- **Related News Coverage:** [UISG Pushes Sustainability for UIHC, Sports](#)

Discount for Double-Sided Printing

- **Description:** Students should be incentivized with a discount for printing double-sided. We are working with ITS to decrease the amounts students pay for double-sided printing to save money and paper.
- **Executives Involved:** N/A
- **Senators Involved:** Brody Armstrong, Marcus Smith
- **Notes:** UISG is meeting with ITS representatives and the College of Engineering to discuss possible options for this initiative.

Sustainability Student Organization Awards

- **Description:** UISG wants to acknowledge and recognize student organization and individuals that are making an effort to integrate and incorporate sustainable practices and initiatives into their day-to-day work and are the ones that encouraging education on campus.
- **Executives Involved:** N/A
- **Senators Involved:** Tayo Ajose, Akash Bhalerao
- **Notes:** UISG passed legislation to establish that our organization will work with the Office of Sustainability and CSIL to incorporate sustainability-orientated awards into Hawkeye Leadership & Service awards and create a good nomination system for these awards.

Sustainable IMU Events

- **Description:** UISG is encouraging the Iowa Memorial Union to adopt composting for all IMU events to reduce landfill waste.
- **Executives Involved:** N/A
- **Senators Involved:** Noah Kirschbaum, Akash Bhalerao
- **Notes:** UISG passed legislation to emphasize this request and will meet with IMU leadership to hopefully institutionalize this practice.
- Related News Coverage: [UI Student Government Mulls Sustainability](#)

Completed

State of the Students Address

- **Description:** In September, President Zuckerman gave a State of the Students Address to voice the highest priority issues for undergraduates at UI.
- **Executives Involved:** Rachel Zuckerman, Kelly Shearer
- **Senators Involved:** N/A
- **Notes:** The address was recorded live on UISG's Facebook page and is available for viewing.

Opinion Polls

- **Description:** We know the student body wants a say in the work done by UISG and UI administration. We hope to expand pathways of communication to assure all students play an active role in deciding the future of the University of Iowa. Each semester, we will email opinion polls so students can provide comments on proposed initiatives if they are not available to attend our open Student Senate sessions.
- **Executives Involved:** Michael Sylvester, Rachel Zuckerman, Lauren Freeman
- **Senators Involved:** N/A
- **Notes:** UISG's first mass survey received over 300 responses and we are using these responses to inform our decisions.

Residence Education Outreach

- **Description:** Resident Assistants have incredibly high contact with first-year students at the UI. UISG wanted to share resources with RAs while gathering feedback about their experiences.
- **Executives Involved:** Rachel Zuckerman, Lauren Freeman
- **Senators Involved:** Akash Bhalerao
- **Notes:** UISG members visited every Residence Hall RA meeting this semester and we plan to attend these meetings next semester to continue these important conversations.

In Progress

Created Communications Assistant Position

- **Description:** UISG currently has a member of the Executive Branch who is our Director of Communications. This position requires lots of work that is valuable to our transparency as an organization, so we have decided to add an additional assistant position that will help our Executive in this work.
- **Executives Involved:** Rachel Zuckerman, Lauren Freeman, Kelly Shearer
- **Senators Involved:** Hallee Haygood
- **Notes:** The application for this position is currently on our website along with our application for at-large senator position. Applications are due January 15th.

Additional News Coverage

- [Dealing with Racism and Bias](#)
- [UI Stresses Diversity, Inclusiveness](#)
- [In Trumps' Wake, Resentment](#)
- [Liberal Arts Eyes Revamping General Education](#)
- [Iowa Universities Respond to Postelection Tensions](#)
- [University of Iowa Investigating Racist Vandalism](#)
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- [Offensive Fliers Found at UI Dorm, Cultural Centers](#)

Funding

The University of Iowa Student Government is responsible for handling and allocating all Student Activity Fee revenue, in which each UI student pays \$72 every year. The Student Activity Fee goes to funding student services such as Center for Student Involvement and Leadership and student organizations. This year's administration inherited a financial surplus in July. This was caused by the last administration's year-end surplus, as well as reversions from student organizations that did not use all of their allocated funds in FY16.

After understanding the financial climate for the year, UISG set and passed our four budgets for FY17. These budgets include the CSIL Collaboration Budget, the Legislative Budget, the Executive Budget and the Judicial Budget. The beginning balances for these four budgets can be found on the next page. Outside of these our budgets, there is also a contingency account. Our contingency account is where all of the unspent money from UISG and all student organizations flows at the end of a fiscal year (July 30th). To begin this year, our contingency account was well over the maximum limit (per our by-laws) of \$120,000. Keeping students' best interest and our campaign platform in mind, we have been strategic in planning how to spend this down.

Included in the following pages are expenditure reports that outline our overall budget and where we have spent funds over the semester.

CSIL Collaboration		
Item	Name	Amount
101	TedxUlowa	\$3,000.00
102	SOLI	\$8,000.00
103	Fair Day-fall	\$2,100.00
	Fair Day-spring	\$2,100.00
104	Flipping into finals	\$2,000.00
105	Taste of Iowa City	\$1,000.00
199	Phone lines	\$6,000.00
110	ASB	\$8,000.00
106	OrgSync	\$16,208.00
107	Student Credit Money	\$6,205.00
108	Iowa Kickstarter	\$6,000.00
109	Senior Week	\$10,000.00
111	Strengths Finder	\$5,000.00
112	Dean Redington Emergency Fund	\$3,850.00
	Total	\$79,463.00

Legislative Branch				
Item	Name	Amount	Fringe	Final Salary
199	Speaker of Senate	\$3,208.36	\$351.31	\$ 3,559.65
199	Secretary	\$2,500.00	\$273.75	\$ 2,773.75
101	Meetings	\$500.00		\$ 500.00
102	Senate Retreat	\$3,500.00		\$ 3,500.00
Total				\$ 10,333.40

Executive Branch				
Line item	Name	Amount		
101	Office Supplies	\$2,000.00		
102	Board of Regents	\$1,500.00		
103	Governmental Relations	\$1,500.00		
104	Safety Initiatives	\$7,000.00		
105	Inauguration	\$1,000.00		
106	ABTS	\$6,000.00		
107	Platform	\$5,000.00		
108	Public Relations	\$3,000.00		
109	SOOS	\$2,000.00		
110	24 hour IMU	\$13,000.00		
113	GIF	\$7,700.00	increase to 77%	
Total		\$49,700.00		

Salary	Name	Base	Fringe (10.95%)	Total
101	President	\$7,500.00	821.25	\$8,321.25
102	VP	\$7,500.00	821.25	\$8,321.25
103	CFO	\$2,625.00	287.4375	\$2,912.44
104	Chief of Staff	\$2,625.00	287.4375	\$2,912.44
105	Executive Assistant	\$1,875.00	205.3125	\$2,080.31
106	GR	\$2,500.00	273.75	\$2,773.75
107	Diversity	\$2,500.00	273.75	\$2,773.75
108	Sustainability	\$1,875.00	205.3125	\$2,080.31
109	City Council	\$2,500.00	273.75	\$2,773.75
110	Safety	\$1,875.00	205.3125	\$2,080.31
111	External Relations	\$2,500.00	273.75	\$2,773.75
112	Communication	\$2,500.00	273.75	\$2,773.75
113	Vice City	\$1,000.00	109.5	\$1,109.50
	Total			\$43,686.56

Judicial Branch		
Item	Name	Amount
199	SEC salary	\$1,019.50
101	Advertising	\$400.00
102	On-line voting system	\$2,600.00
Total		\$4,019.50

July 2016

372 CSIL Collaboration				
Expenditures July 2016				
Line Number	Item	July Expense	Transaction Description	Date
199	TNS Monthly	\$ 315.00	Data Fee	7/31/2016
199	TNS Monthly	\$ 7.00	TV/Video Fee	7/31/2016
199	TNS Monthly	\$ 87.50	Phone Fee	7/31/2016
199	TNS Monthly	\$ 4.50	Voicemail Fee	7/31/2016
490 Legislative Branch				
Expenditures July 2016				
Line Number	Item	July Expense	Transaction Description	Date
199	P and S Salaries Temporary	\$ 291.00	Speaker of Senate Salary	7/31/2016
199	Fringe Ben P and S Temporary	\$ 31.94	Fringe for Speaker Salary	7/31/2016
491 Executive Budget				
Expenditures July 2016				
Line Number	Item	July Expense	Transaction Description	Date
101	TNS Monthly	\$ 21.00	Phone Fee	7/31/2016
101	TNS Monthly	\$ 14.00	Data Fee	7/31/2016
101	TNS Monthly	\$ 17.00	Television Fee	7/31/2016
104	Yellow Cab	\$ 78.00	Nite Ride Expenses	7/5/2016
199	P and S Salaries Temporary	\$ 2,374.99	Executive Salaries	7/31/2016
199	P and S Fringe Benefits	\$ 260.06	Fringe for Executive Salaries	7/31/2016

August 2016

372 CSIL Collaboration				
Expenditures August 2016				
Line Number	Item	August Expense	Transaction Description	Date
199	TNS Monthly	\$ 315.00	Data Fee	8/31/2016
199	TNS Monthly	\$ 7.00	TV/Video Fee	8/31/2016
199	TNS Monthly	\$ 87.50	Phone Fee	8/31/2016
199	TNS Monthly	\$ 4.50	Voicemail Fee	8/31/2016
490 Legislative Budget				
Expenditures August 2016				
Line Number	Item	August Expense	Transaction Description	Date
199	P and S Salaries Temporary	\$ 708.33	Speaker of Senate and Sec Salary	8/31/2016
199	Fringe Ben P and S Temporary	\$ 77.56	Fringe for Speaker/ Sec Salary	8/31/2016

491	Executive Budget			
Expenditures August 2016				
Line Number	Item	August Expense	Transaction Description	Date
101	TNS Monthly	\$ 21.00	Phone Fee	8/31/2016
101	TNS Monthly	\$ 14.00	Data Fee	8/31/2016
101	Koch Brothers	\$ 71.12	Printer copy charges	8/9/2016
101	TNS Monthly	\$ 17.00	Television Fee	8/31/2016
103	Governmental Relations Trips	\$ 74.98	Legislative Road Trips	8/31/2016
103	TurboVote	\$ 500.00	Purchase of TurboVote	8/29/2016
103	Governmental Relations with local legislatures	\$ 39.92	Legislative Road Trips	8/31/2016
103	UI Provided Service	\$ 10.50	Registration for Fleet Services	8/29/2016
104	Yellow Cab	\$ 90.07	Safe Ride Expenses	8/4/2016
104	Coralville Bus Rides	\$ 643.86	Payment for Coralville Bus rides	8/31/2016
106	ABTS	\$ 2,501.30	Travel to Association of Big Ten Students Conference	8/9/2016
199	P and S Salaries Temporary	\$ 2,374.99	Executive Salaries	8/31/2016
199	P and S Fringe Benefits	\$ 260.06	Fringe for Executive Salaries	8/31/2016

September 2016

372	CSIL Collaboration Budget			
Expenditures September 2016				
Line Number	Item	September Expense	Transaction Description	Date
199	TNS Monthly	\$ 315.00	Data Fee	9/31/2016
199	TNS Monthly	\$ 7.00	TV/Video Fee	9/31/2016
199	TNS Monthly	\$ 87.50	Phone Fee	9/31/2016
	TNS Monthly	\$ 4.50	Voicemail Fee	9/31/2016
490	Legislative Budget			
Expenditures September 2016				
Line Number	Item	September Expense	Transaction Description	Date
199	P and S Salaries Temporary	\$ 500.00	Speaker of Senate and Sec Salary	9/31/2016
199	Fringe Ben P and S Temporary	\$ 54.75	Fringe for Speaker/ Sec Salary	9/31/2016

102	Retreat Expenses	\$ 1948.80	Food and Set up Expenses for Retreat	9/28/2016
491	Executive Budget			
Expenditures September 2016				
Line Number	Item	September Expense	Transaction Description	Date
101	TNS Monthly	\$ 21.00	Phone Lines	9/30/2016
101	TNS Monthly	\$ 14.00	Data	9/30/2016
101	Office Depot	\$ 47.87	Office Supplies for UISG Office	9/30/2016
101	Koch Brothers	\$ 155.52	Printer fix charges	9/16/2016
103	Governmental Relations	\$ 59.10	Fleet Services Rental	9/29/2016
104	Yellow Cab	\$ 161.09	Payments for SafeRide	9/6/2016
104	TNS Monthly	\$ 17.00	Television	9/30/2016
106	ABTS	\$ 269.08	Association of Big Ten School Fee	9/16/2016
107	Hy-Vee	\$ 188.79	Donuts for Breakfast with UISG	9/16/2016
107	UIVA/UISG PTSD Fair	\$ 638.00	Food Purchase for PTSD/Mental Health Fair	9/28/2016
107	Yik Yak Campaign	\$ 431.54	Design and Printing Payments	9/23/2018
199	P and S Salaries Temporary	\$2999.97	Executive Salaries	9/31/2016
199	P and S Fringe Benefits	\$ 328.49	Fringe for Executive Salaries	9/31/2016

October 2016

CSIL Collaboration		
Item	Name	Amount
199	TNS Monthly	\$ 315.00
199	TNS Monthly	\$ 7.00
199	TNS Monthly	\$ 87.50
199	TNS Monthly	\$ 4.50
108	Kickstarter Student Organization Fund	\$ 100.00

Executive Branch		
Line item	Name	Amount
199	Exec Salaries	\$ 3,420.91
102	Regents Trip Car rental	\$ 105.50
104	SafeRide	\$ 388.84
101	Office Supplies	\$ 47.87
107	Diversity Initiative Supplies Purchase	\$ 26.27
102	Regents Trip University Catering	\$ 129.36
107	Breakfast with UISG	\$ 350.79
107	Diversity Initiative Meeting	\$ 354.00
107	Homecoming Supplies	\$ 21.94
103	GOTV stickers	\$ 33.16
108	Cambus Advertisements	\$ 24.28
107	Diversity Charter Meeting Fb Boosting	\$ 10.00
101	UISG Office Poster	\$ 30.00
108	Down Vote Hate M&D Fee	\$ 390.34
101	TNS Monthly	\$ 21.00
101	TNS Monthly	\$ 14.00
104	TNS Monthly	\$ 17.00
107	Event Services	\$ 40.00
107	2nd Floor Ballroom Rental- Diversity	\$ 260.00
108	Breakfast with UISG Poster	\$ 64.00

Legislative		
Item	Name	Amount
199	Speaker and Secretary Salary	\$ 554.75
102	Retreat Expenses-Food	\$ 182.18

Contingency		
Item	Name	Amount
	Stands for IMU Charger Umbrellas	\$ 1,098.00
	Breakfast with UISG Food	\$ 58.71
	Local Harvest CSA- Produce Stand	\$ 600.00
	University Catering	\$ 286.50
	NPHC Plots	\$ 7,700.00
	Trans Student Support Fund	\$ 1,155.00
	Produce Cart Table Rental	\$ 5.00
	Old Brick Rental- GOTV Events	\$ 150.00

November 2016

CSIL Collaboration		
Item	Name	Amount
199	TNS Monthly	\$ 315.00
199	TNS Monthly	\$ 7.00
199	TNS Monthly	\$ 87.50
199	TNS Monthly	\$ 4.50
104	Flipping into Finals	\$ 1,000.00

Executive Branch		
Line item	Name	Amount
199	Exec Salaries	\$ 4,576.64
103	Legislative Dinner	\$ 28.17
104	SafeRide	\$ 319.34
101	Office Supplies	\$ 23.40
104	University Catering Compostable Good	\$ 8.06
107	Produce Stand table rental	\$ 5.00
107	Facebook Marketing	\$ 48.04
101	TNS Monthly	\$ 21.00
101	TNS Monthly	\$ 14.00
104	TNS Monthly	\$ 17.00

Legislative		
Item	Name	Amount
199	Speaker and Secretary Salary	\$ 554.75

Contingency		
Item	Name	Amount
	GOTV Event 2- Food	\$ 286.91
	Office of Financial Aid- Financial	\$ 185.00
	Produce Stand Reusable bags	\$ 76.08
	University Catering- Compostable Goo	\$ 22.71
	GOTV Event Decorations	\$ 31.70
	Financial Literacy Fliers	\$ 30.75
	Produce Cart Table Rental	\$ 5.00
	Snapchat Filter for GOTV	\$ 5.00
	Sandwich Board for Student Orgs	\$ 56.09

Senate Legislation

Introduction

UISG Student Senate is in charge of reviewing and passing legislation. After a period of question and debate, the Senate votes on the passage of legislation. A majority of votes (half plus one of seated senators) are needed to pass legislation. In instances of tie, the Vice President casts the tie-breaking vote. Below is a comprehensive list of all of the resolutions and bills that passed the senate in the 2016 legislative season. A complete voting record can be found on the UISG website.



**UNIVERSITY OF IOWA STUDENT GOVERNMENT
Student Senate**

Confirmation of 2016-2017 UISG Executives
SS-B-1

Submitted by: Senators Ajose, Haygood, and Qi
(on behalf of President Zuckerman and Vice President Freeman)

Student Senate Action: Passed/Failed/Tabled
Date: April 26, 2016

WHEREAS, The Office Administration Committee consisted of Senator Adetayo Oladele-Ajose, Senator Hallee Haygood, Senator Elle Qi, President Rachel Zuckerman, and Vice President Lauren Freeman; and

WHEREAS, The Office Administration Committee has nominated the following candidates to serve as the 2016-2017 Executive Cabinet:

- Chief of Staff- Michael Sylvester
- Executive Assistant- Annabel Seeling
- Chief Financial Officer- Noopur Inani
- Communications Director- Kelly Shearer
- Diversity Liaison- Brian Leal
- Governmental Relations Liaison- Andrew Namanny
- Secretary- Sheng Hao Lu
- Sustainability Liaison- Shelby Cain
- Vice City Council Liaison- Benjamin Nelson
- Student Safety Liaison- Sara Bultsma
- Director of External Relations- Hannah Hendricks

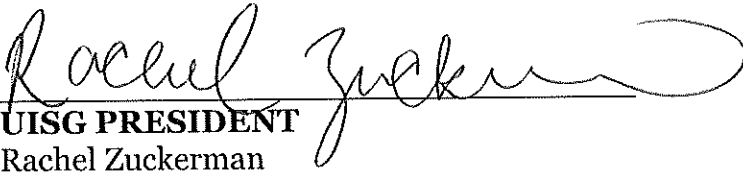
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The Office Administration Committee recommends that the Senate approve the aforementioned nominees.

SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

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SECRETARY OF SENATE

APPROVED 5-2-16, 2016



UISG PRESIDENT
Rachel Zuckerman



UNIVERSITY OF IOWA STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Student Senate

Confirmation of Nominees for Presidential Charter Committees

SS-B-2

Submitted by: Senator Burns and Senator Haygood on behalf of the 2015-2016
Nominations Committee

Student Senate Action: Passed/Failed/Tabled
April 26th, 2016

AN ACT, relating to the appointments of the nominees for the empty seats on several Presidential Charter Committees; and

WHEREAS, Presidential Charter Committees serve as advisory bodies for students and faculty working to address specific areas of interest in the University community; and

WHEREAS, the appointees were selected by the outgoing 2015-2016 UISG Nominations Committee and members from the Graduate and Professional Student Government; and

WHEREAS, the candidates were selected after they submitted an application and were interviewed by the joint committee; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the UISG appoints the following individuals to Presidential Charter Committees:

- Campus Planning: Todd Bagby, Menno Schukking, and Emily Starr.
- Council on Teaching: Angeline Vanle, Emma Hawk, and Lance Heady.
- Diversity: Jasmine Mangrum, Cameisha Hurst, and Angeline Vanle.
- Family Issues: Bailey Zaputil, Carlie Newton, and Joe Scheivert.
- Financial Aid Advisory: Cameisha Hurst (Chair), Emma Hawk, and Nikolas Maggos.
- Hancher Auditorium: Mark Miller (Chair), Nic Steffes, Alexandra Holmblad, Patrick Rossman, Mila Kaut, and Joe Scheivert.
- Information Technology Advisory: Muhammed Sermet and Anh Ngo.

- University Lecture Committee: Sarah Tortora (Chair), Ben Hyland, Hannah Gellman, James Porter, Lyric Harris, Mila Kaut, and Reem Khodor.
- Parking and Transportation: Katie Agney and Scott Roberts
- Recreational Services: Daniel Boesen (Chair), Nicholas Borcharding, Katie Agey, and Anh Ngo.
- Research Council: Nicholas Borcharding and Jeremy Vogel.
- University Libraries: Bailey Zaputil and Jamie Byerly.
- University Safety and Security: Heath Schintler, Emily Starr, and Daniel Boesen.
- Student Judicial Board: Alisha McTaggart and Jamie Byerly.
- Presidential Committee on Athletics: Lily Burns and Austin Weaver.
- Sustainability Committee: Sarah Gardner, Todd Bagby, and Samantha McLaughlin.

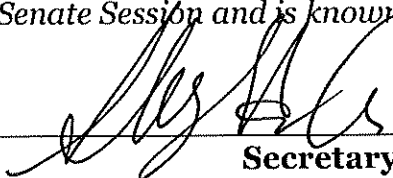
THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Senate confirms the appointment of these nominees to their respective Presidential Charter Committees; and

SO BE IT ENACTED, by the University of Iowa Student Government.

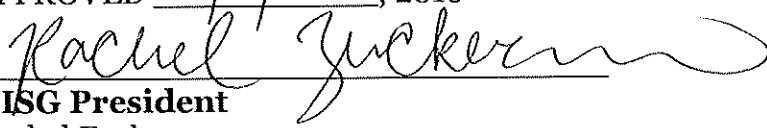


Speaker of the Senate

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED 5/2/, 2016


UISG President
 Rachel Zuckerman



**UNIVERSITY OF IOWA STUDENT GOVERNMENT
Student Senate**

CRCB's Recommended Changes to the Bylaws
Student Senate Bill 3

Submitted by: Senators Burns, Haygood, Hou, Prendergast, and Vogel

Student Senate Action: ~~Passed~~ Failed/Tabled
May 3, 2016

AN ACT, relating to the changes to the Bylaws recommended by the Commission on the Review of the Constitution and Bylaws (CRCB); and

WHEREAS, President Mills created the CRCB through an executive order in February 2016 to review and to recommend changes to the Bylaws; and

WHEREAS, CRCB met twice weekly during its tenure and deliberated the changes needed in the Bylaws for the effective and efficient administration of UISG; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that CRCB recommends the aforementioned changes to the Bylaws; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bylaws be amended to include CRCB's recommended changes; and

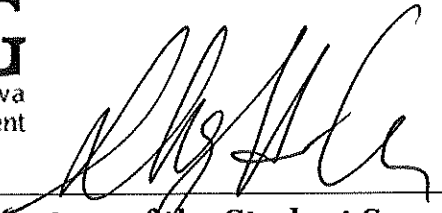
SO BE IT ENACTED, by the University of Iowa Student Government.

Speaker of the Student Senate
Titus Hou

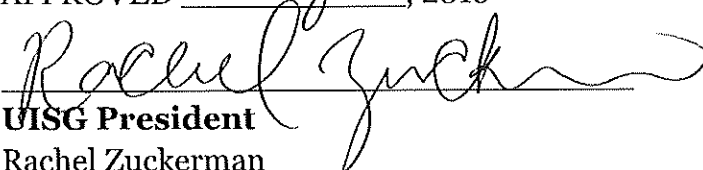
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Secretary of the Student Senate
Sheng Hao Lu

APPROVED May 4, 2016


UISG President
Rachel Zuckerman



UNIVERSITY OF IOWA STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Student Senate

FY17 UISG Budgets
Student Senate Bill 4
Submitted by: Senator Dellos

Student Senate Action: Passed/Failed/Tabled
May 3, 2016

AN ACT, relating to the formation of the 4 annual UISG budgets: CSIL Collaboration Budget, UISG Legislative Budget, UISG Executive Budget, and UISG Judicial Budget; and

WHEREAS, the official name of this legislation shall be FY17 UISG Budgets; and

WHEREAS, each year UISG funds 4 different budgets (which are attached); and

WHEREAS, three of the four are for branches of the student government to help fund yearly expenses; and

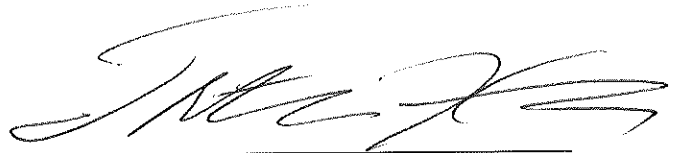
WHEREAS, the fourth one is a collaborative budget in which UISG pairs with CSIL to help pay for other various expenses incurred by the University of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, within each attached budget spreadsheet, you can see itemized lines that show the amounts allocated for both FY16 and FY17, along with the change over the different periods; and

WHEREAS, please reference the attached documentation or CFO Inani for further information;

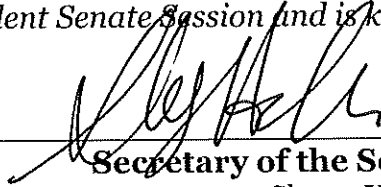
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that all four budgets in the attached documentation will be implemented immediately at the onset of FY 17; and

SO BE IT ENACTED, by the University of Iowa Student Government.



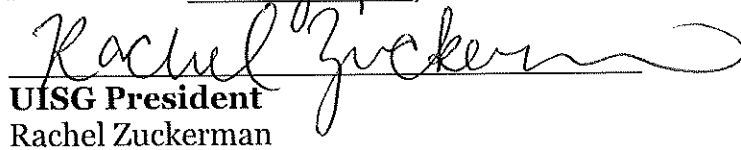
Speaker of the Senate
Titus Hou

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Secretary of the Senate
Sheng Hao Lu

APPROVED May 4, 2016



UISG President
Rachel Zuckerman



UNIVERSITY OF IOWA STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Student Senate

Fiscal Year 2016 Appropriations
Student Senate Bill 5
Submitted by: Senator Dellos

Student Senate Action: Passed/Failed/Tabled
May 3, 2016

AN ACT, relating to Fiscal Year 2017-2018 appropriations; and

WHEREAS, the SABAC committee proposes to allocate \$224,509.80 to student organizations that submitted budget requests for FY17-18 Fiscal Funding Period; and


WHEREAS, five members of the SABAC committee, the Secretary of the Senate, and the Chief Financial Officer met on Sunday May 1, to discuss and vote on the recommendations proposed by CFO Inani; and

WHEREAS, the proposed allocations exceed the previously budgeted figure of \$204,079 for the fiscal year funding period,

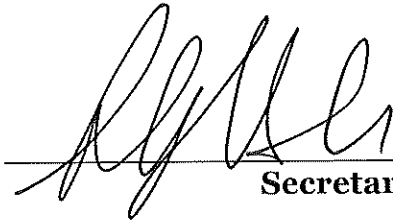
WHEREAS, the SABAC committee and CFO Inani deemed it appropriate to redirect an additional \$20,430.80 from UISG's contingency account to further meet requests of student organizations,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate approve the aforementioned budget proposal; and

SO BE IT ENACTED, by the University of Iowa Student Government.

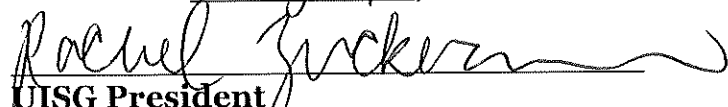

Speaker of the Senate
Titus Hou

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Secretary of the Senate
Sheng Hao Lu

APPROVED May 4, 2016



UISG President
Rachel Zuckerman



UNIVERSITY OF IOWA STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Student Senate

Confirmation of Nominees for Presidential Charter Committees

Student Senate Bill 6

Submitted by: Senator Haygood on behalf of President Zuckerman

Student Senate Action: Passed/Failed/Tabled
May 3rd, 2016

AN ACT, relating to the appointments of the eight nominees for the empty seats on several Presidential Charter Committees; and

WHEREAS, Presidential Charter Committees serve as an advisory body for students and faculty working to address specific areas of interest in the University community; and

WHEREAS, the undergraduate appointees were selected by the UISG president Zuckerman after the candidates expressed interest and showed that they were qualified for the positions; and

WHEREAS, the openings for graduate or professional students will be filled at a later date by the GPSG president; and

WHEREAS, the UISG appoints Cassidy Steines, Greyson Zaun, and Lilian Sanchez to the Financial Aid Advisory Committee, Jason Pierce and Connor Gronski to the Parking and Transportation Committee, Addison Martin to the Recreational Services Committee, Deborah Waddick to the University Libraries Committee, and Skylar Kiekhaefer to the Council on Teaching Committee.

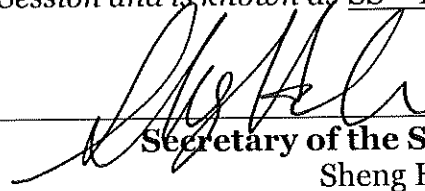
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate confirms the appointment of these nominees to their respective Presidential Charter Committees; and

SO BE IT ENACTED, by the University of Iowa Student Government.

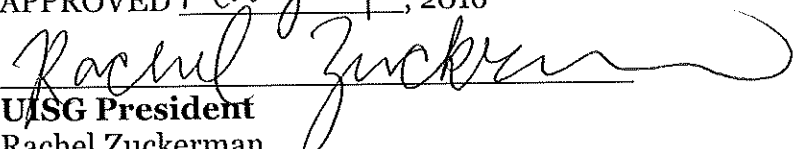
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Speaker of the Senate
Titus Hou

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Secretary of the Senate
Sheng Hao Lu

APPROVED May 4, 2016


UISG President
Rachel Zuckerman



August 30, 2016
Student Senate Session 3
S.S.B. 7

Sponsor: Senator Bhalerao
Referred to the Sustainability Committee and SABAC
Student Senate Action: Passed/Failed/Tabled

AN ACT

To allocate \$13,090 to the University of Iowa Gardeners for one year to fund its organizational expenses and to fund the management expenses associated with the Main Campus Garden and the Student Garden.

1 **Section 1. Title**

2 This act may be cited as "Garden and Outdoor Classroom on Main Campus."

3 **Section 2. 2020 Vision Sustainability Targets**

4 In less than four years, the University of Iowa will reach the date for realizing its
5 2020 Vision Sustainability Targets. A number of the targets will be reached, if not
6 exceeded, by 2020. However, there remain two targets requiring additional
7 measures: (1) increasing student opportunities to learn and practice principles of
8 sustainability and (2) supporting and growing interdisciplinary research in
9 sustainability-focused and related areas. To address these shortcomings, we propose
10 the development and management of a garden and outdoor classroom on the
11 University's Main Campus. The garden and outdoor classroom will address the
12 aforementioned targets by offering a convenient space for experiential learning
13 about sustainable food production and for interdisciplinary research by faculty and
14 students. In addition to fulfilling the 2020 Vision Sustainability Targets, the garden
15 and outdoor classroom serve a greater purpose for the University as a venue for
16 community outreach and engagement.

17 **Section 3. University Peers**

18 Despite the University's esteemed reputation regarding sustainability, it is
19 significantly behind other institutions in its space allocation and institutional and
20 financial support for gardening. Out of the University's Peer Group, the University

21 is only ahead of the University of California, Los Angeles in support for gardening.
22 In addition, Iowa State University's student-run garden is four acres, and the
23 University of Northern Iowa's student-run garden is situated on its main campus.
24 Luther College recently invested in a 2,880 ft² high tunnel to supplement its one-
25 acre outdoor space allocation to its gardening organization. Regarding support for
26 gardening, the University lags behind comparable higher-education institutions in
27 the state, region, and nation. Developing a garden on Main Campus will improve
28 the University's standing among its peers, and developing an outdoor classroom will
29 distinguish the University among its peers.

30 **Section 4. The Student Garden and the University of Iowa Gardeners**

31 The Student Garden was established in 2009 by the University of Iowa
32 Environmental Coalition (UIEC) to provide a space where University students,
33 faculty, staff and Iowa City community members could gain hands-on experience
34 with sustainable food production. After two years of development, the operational
35 demands of the Student Garden warranted the creation of the University of Iowa
36 Gardeners (UIG)—a student organization independent of UIEC that was solely
37 responsible for managing the Student Garden. The Student Garden is south of
38 Hawkeye Drive between the Hawkeye Recreation Fields and the Hawkeye Tennis
39 and Recreation Complex. The Student Garden is roughly 17,000 ft² (0.39 acres).

40 Currently, the Student Garden is not easily accessible to the majority of students.
41 Although there are sidewalks to the Student Garden from Main Campus, the walk
42 requires half an hour one way. Car, bike, and the Cambus are alternative modes of
43 reaching the Student Garden. However, most students do not have access to cars
44 and most do not bike, and the Hawkeye Interdorm stops at the Student Garden
45 once every hour only after noon on weekends, constraining students to an
46 inconvenient schedule when they are most available to volunteer. The
47 inaccessibility of the Student Garden does not allow UIG to effectively engage the
48 student population.

49 **Section 5. Proposal Development Process**

50 Over the past year, UIG advocated for the establishment of a garden on Main
51 Campus to solve the inaccessibility issue of the Student Garden. A group of
52 graduate students from the College of Public Health (COPH) advocated for the
53 development of an outdoor classroom as well. UIG and the COPH students
54 combined their independent proposals into one proposal, so as to ensure the most
55 efficient and effective use of highly demanded space on Main Campus. In May,
56 representatives of UIG, Facilities Management (FM), the Office of Sustainability
57 (OS), and University Housing & Dining (UH&D) initiated the planning of a garden
58 and outdoor classroom on Main Campus. The implementation of this plan was
59 concurrently identified as an objective of the Path Forward—Operations Team
60 established by President Harreld.

61 **Section 6. Garden and Outdoor Classroom on Main Campus**

62 The proposed site for the garden and outdoor classroom is 10,000 ft² (0.23 acres) of
63 land to the north of the North Hall parking lot. The proposed site is situated
64 between the Iowa River to the west and a small forested bluff to the east. There is
65 roughly 10,000 ft² for additional development to the north of the proposed site,
66 which is slated for development in the subsequent year.

67 The proposed site is ideal for the establishment of the garden and outdoor classroom
68 because it is easily accessible; within a 150-yard radius, there stand Burge, Stanley,
69 and Currier Residence Halls, the new Madison Street residence hall, and the North
70 Campus Parking Ramp. The garden and outdoor classroom are also within a ten-
71 minute walk from OS, COPH, the Department of Earth & Environmental Sciences,
72 and the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. UIG will be able to
73 easily transport produce to the kitchen in Burge or in the Iowa Memorial Union.
74 The garden and outdoor classroom will also be visible from the walkway soon to be
75 developed connecting the Old Capitol to the Hancher Auditorium.

76 **Section 7. Expenses**

77 There will be a significant up-front cost for the implementation of the Main Campus
78 Garden, and the expenses will primarily be related to constructing the
79 infrastructure. FM will be responsible for the initial costs associated with building
80 the infrastructure, upwards of \$180,000.

81 The greatest expense for management of the Garden will be the payment of the
82 Garden Managers. With the addition of 10,000 ft² to the 17,000 ft² that UIG
83 currently manages, 20 hours per week during the slow months of the growing
84 season (April, September, and October) and 40 hours per week during the busiest
85 months of the growing season (May through August) should be funded. The Garden
86 Managers will be paid \$10 per hour. In addition, there will be yearly organizational
87 and maintenance expenses. The organizational and management expenses will total
88 \$17,000 (Figure 1).

Garden Managers	\$10,000
Marketing	\$1,000
Events	\$500
Seeds and Plants	\$2,000
Compost	\$500
Mulch	\$500
Infrastructure and Tools	\$2,500
<i>Total</i>	\$17,000


89 Figure 1. Expenses by line-item.

90 **Section 8. One-Year Allocation to the University of Iowa Gardeners by UISG**

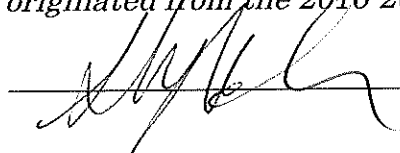
91 UISG will allocate \$13,090 (77% of \$17,000) from UISG's Contingency Fund to UIG
92 for one year to fund UIG's organizational expenses and to fund the management
93 expenses associated with the Main Campus Garden and the Student Garden.

94 **Section 9. Enactment Clause**

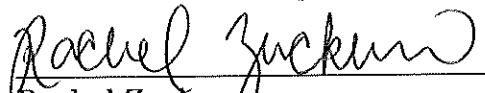
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Titus Hou

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_____, **Secretary**
Sheng Hao Lu

APPROVED on August 30th, 2016


_____, **UISG President**
Rachel Zuckerman



10th Legislative Session-September 6th, 2016
Student Senate Session 4
S.S.B. 8

Sponsor: Senators Bhalerao, Haygood, Armstrong
Referred to the Internal Affairs and Sustainability Committees
Student Senate Action Passed/Failed/Tabled

AN ACT

To ensure that sustainability and responsible purchasing remain at the forefront of all UISG events and activities in order to set a strong precedence on sustainability by having zero waste events and responsible purchasing for all University of Iowa groups and organizations.

1 **Section 1. Title**

2 This act may be cited as "UISG Sustainable Protocol"

3 **Section 2. UISG and Sustainability**

4 Sustainability is a central priority for the University of Iowa Student Government
5 (UISG). UISG has enacted initiatives, such as the Green Initiatives Fund (GIF), to
6 encourage sustainable practices amongst student organizations. UISG has deemed
7 sustainability important to student organizations but has yet to establish internal
8 measures that make UISG a leader in sustainable practices.

9 **Section 3. Sustainable Purchasing and Events**

10 UISG has an obligation to require itself to practice sustainable purchasing. UISG
11 should reuse office supplies before restocking and require purchases of sustainably
12 and ethically produced t-shirts during campaign season thereby prioritizing values
13 over costs. In addition, the internal events organized by UISG should be zero-waste
14 by ensuring on-site recycling and/or composting. Being entirely conscious to the
15 most environmentally friendly purchase would go a long way in the pursuit of a
16 more sustainable university.

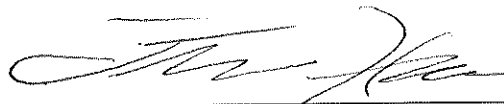
17 Section 4. UISG Sustainable Protocols

18 UISG shall adopt the following sustainable protocols:

- 19 ● Compostable utensils are ordered and available for any UISG events with
20 food.
- 21 ● All waste generated by UISG events with food is composted.
- 22 ● Compost bins are arranged for and set up at every UISG event with food.
- 23 ● Flyers and other recyclables shall be recycled after tabling and marketing
24 events and campaigns.
- 25 ● All apparel that purchased shall be ethically and sustainably sourced.
- 26 ● The internal affairs committees shall review and update this protocol
27 annually with the guidance of the UISG Director of Sustainability.

28 Section 5. Enactment Clause

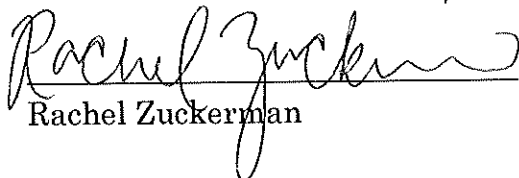
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UNIVERSITY OF IOWA STUDENT GOVERNMENT

10th Legislative Session-September 27, 2016

Student Senate Session #6

S.S.B. #9

Sponsor: Senator Dellos

Referred to the SABAC Committee

Student Senate Action: Passed/Failed/Tabled

AN ACT

Relating to the allocation of \$47,925 to student organizations that submitted budget requests for the Supplemental Funding Period I.

1 Section 1. Short Title

2 This bill may be cited as "Supplemental Funding I"

3 Section 2. Background


4 SABAC was not able to fully meet fiscal year funding proposals due to the number and size
5 of requests. Keeping in mind the demand for financial support, SABAC aimed to allocate
6 more funds during the Supplemental Funding 1 period. Due to a surplus in UISG's
7 contingency account, CFO Inani and SABAC deemed it appropriate to redirect an
8 additional \$32,925 from UISG's contingency account.

9 Section 3. Funding Allocation

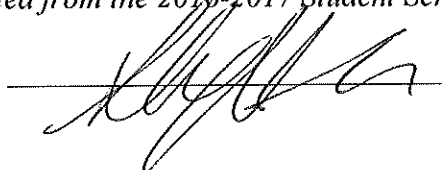
10 \$47,925 will be allocated to student organizations based on SABAC's max funding
11 standards.

12 Section 4. Enactment Clause

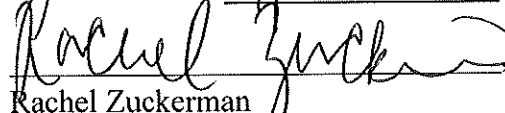
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UNIVERSITY OF IOWA STUDENT GOVERNMENT

10th Legislative Session-September 27, 2016

Student Senate Session #6

S.S.B. #10

Sponsor: Senator Dellos
Referred to the SABAC Committee
Student Senate Action: Passed/Failed/Tabled

AN ACT

Relating to the allocation of \$12,999 to student organizations that submitted budget requests for the TEA Funding Period I

1 **Section 1. Short Title 1**

2 This bill may be cited as "TEA Funding I"

3 **Section 2: Background**


4 SABAC has met to discuss funding requests and agreed upon the allocations included with this
5 bill. For the TEA Funding Period 1, \$6,550 will be allocated for travel and \$6,449 will be
6 allocated for equipment.

7 **Section 3. Funding Allocation**

8 \$12,999 will be allocated to student organizations based on SABAC's max funding standards.

9 **Section 4: Enactment Clause**

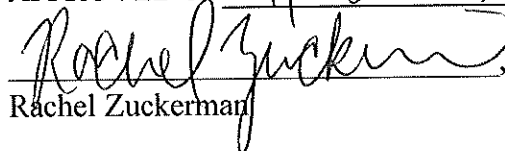
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10th Legislative Session-September 27, 2016
Student Senate Session
S.S.B. #11

Sponsor: Senator Kimbrough and Senator Yang
Referred to the SABAC Committee
Student Senate Action: Passed/Failed/Tabled

AN ACT

To allocate money in accordance to the contingency reduction plan from UISG
Contingency Account to NPHC Plot initiative

1 Section 1. Short Title

2 This bill may be cited as "UISG Contribution to NPHC Plots Development"

3 Section 2. NPHC at University of Iowa

4 The National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) is composed of 9 traditionally Black,
5 unhooded Greek chapters. NPHC has had a presence at the University of Iowa since
6 1911. In order to celebrate the significant contributions these organizations have
7 had at the University of Iowa, the Iowa Memorial Union has dedicated a plot of land
8 near Danforth Chapel to commemorate the "Divine Nine" NPHC chapters.

9 Section 3. Cost and Design

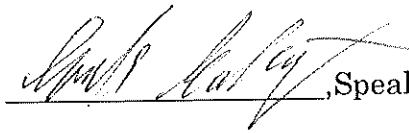
10 In total, this project will cost about \$60,000. The plots are designed to have a
11 concrete foundation with 10 granite pedestals – one for each of the chapters and one
12 for the council as a whole. Each granite pedestal is 780bs and imbedded 4 feet into
13 the ground. Bronze plaques containing some history, slogan, and crest from each
14 chapter will be displayed on the pedestals.

15 Section 4. Allocation of Funds

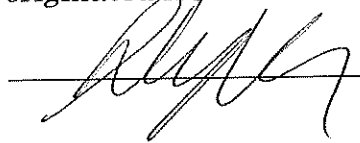
16 The student governments, UISG and GSPG, believe that a financial contribution is
17 in order to support the development of the project. In fact, the contingency reduction
18 plan, developed by CFO Inani, included a commitment to the project. This
19 legislation aims to honor that commitment by allocating \$7,700 from the
20 contingency fund to the development of the NPHC plots.

21 Section 5. Enactment Clause

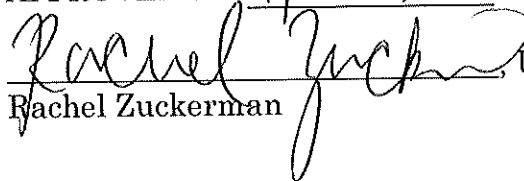
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UNIVERSITY OF IOWA STUDENT GOVERNMENT

10th Legislative Session-November 1, 2016
Student Senate Session #11
S.S.B. #12

Sponsor: Senator Dellos
Referred to the SABAC Committee
Student Senate Action: Passed/Failed/Tabled

AN ACT

Relating to the allocation of \$3032 to student organizations that submitted budget requests for the TEA Funding Period II

1 **Section 1. Short Title 1**

2 This bill may be cited as "TEA Funding II"

3 **Section 2: Background**

4 SABAC has met to discuss funding requests and agreed upon the allocations
5 included with this bill. For the TEA Funding Period II, \$3032 will be allocated for
6 travel.

7 **Section 3. Funding Allocation**


8 \$3032 will be allocated to student organizations based on SABAC's max funding
9 standards.

10 **Section 4: Enactment Clause**

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12 President Zuckerman


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University of Iowa Student Government

10th Legislative Session - November 29th, 2016

Student Senate Session #14

S.S.B. #13

Sponsor: Senator Bhalerao, Senator Zaun and Senator Haygood

Referred to the Sustainability and Student Life Committees

Student Senate Action: Passed/Failed/Tabled

AN ACT

To work with the FSL Sustainability Director and the Office of Sustainability to set up a Sustainability Charter for FSL chapters due to the tremendous interest displayed by many students in FSL.

1 Section 1. Short Title

2 This act may be cited as the "FSL Sustainability Charter Bill".

3 Section 2. Discussion

4 The University of Iowa Fraternity and Sorority Life constitutes a very engaged
5 and involved 17% of undergraduate students at the University of Iowa. Many
6 FSL chapters and members are working on several different sustainability
7 initiatives like the green Greek lecture series, gameday recycling at Kinnick,
8 earth month energy challenge, composting at events and at houses.

9 Inter-fraternity/sorority collaboration would aid in the implementation and
10 development of different sustainability projects. FSL has an appointed
11 sustainability coordinator to coordinate the sustainability efforts of
12 fraternity/sorority members. The creation of an FSL Sustainability Charter
13 Committee would be helpful in uniting the Sustainability Director of FSL with
14 the different chapters to combine their efforts. This committee would include
15 Sustainability Directors from various houses and members of the Greek
16 community interested in sustainability. This group will be formed to help
17 fraternities and sororities work on sustainability projects individually and
18 collaboratively across FSL, as well as promote the effective utilization of the
19 Green Initiatives Fund and the sustainability coordinator.

20 Section 3. Action

21 UISG will assist in the formation of the FSL Sustainability charter.

22 UISG Sustainability Director will be an administrative liaison with the FSL
23 Sustainability director to work on integrating sustainability into FSL activities.

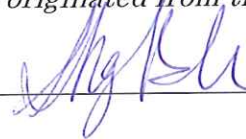
24 UISG Sustainability Committee will work with the professional staff that work
25 with FSL.

26 Section 4. Enactment Clause

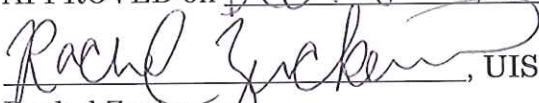
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University of Iowa Student Government
10th Legislative Session-November 29, 2016
Student Senate Session #13
S.S.B. #14

Sponsor: Senator AJose and Senator Bhalerao
Referred to the Sustainability and Student Life Committees
Student Senate Action: Passed/Failed/Tabled

AN ACT

To acknowledge and recognize student organizations and individuals that are making an effort to integrate and incorporate sustainable practices and initiatives into their day to day work and are the ones that are encouraging education on campus.

1 **Section 1. Short Title**

2 This act may be cited as the "Sustainability Appreciation Bill"

3 **Section 2. Discussion**

4 It is important to recognize those who work towards implementing and
5 improving sustainable practices as a means to motivate further sustainable
6 actions. Many student organizations are having sustainable events and are
7 becoming conscious of the impacts of their actions as a result of the dedication of
8 many leaders on campus. The Hawkeye Leadership & Service Awards, hosted by
9 CSIL, recognize the accomplishments of student organizations, student
10 organization leaders, student organization advisors, and campus partners. There
11 are currently no Hawkeye Leadership & Service Awards to recognize
12 sustainability efforts. Hawkeye Leadership and Service Awards in the category
13 of sustainability will promote such efforts and incentivize further sustainable
14 practices.

15 **Section 3. Action**

16 UISG will work with The Office of Sustainability and Kristi Finger in The
17 Center for Student Involvement & Leadership to incorporate sustainability-
18 oriented awards into Hawkeye Leadership & Service Awards and to figure out a
19 good nomination system.

20 UISG will help develop Student Organization awards in 2017 and awards for
21 individuals in 2018.

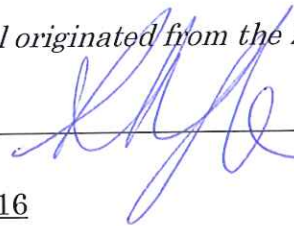
22 UISG will work on marketing the awards to make other organizations aware of
23 it.

24 Section 4. Enactment Clause

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26 President Zuckerman


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Titus Hou

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UNIVERSITY OF IOWA STUDENT GOVERNMENT

10th Legislative Session- September 13, 2016

Student Senate Session #5

S.S.R. #1

Sponsor: Senator Prendergast
Presidential Appointment
Student Senate Action: Passed/Failed/Tabled

A Resolution

Filling a vacancy in the Parking and Transportation Charter Committee

1 Section 1. Short Title

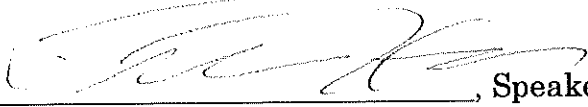
2 This resolution may be cited as "Parking and Transportation Appointment"

3 Whereas, a student seat on the Parking and Transportation Charter Committee has
4 been vacant; and

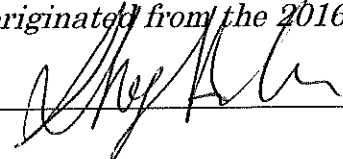
5 Whereas, a Presidential Appointment is necessary to expedite student
6 representation on the aforementioned charter committee; and

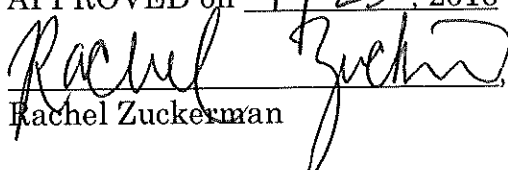
7 Whereas, student representation on Presidential Charter Committees is essential
8 for the preservation of joint governance; Now, therefore, be it

9 *Resolved*, Sara Bultsma be appointed to fill the vacant spot on the Parking
10 and Transportation Charter Committee.


_____, Speaker of the Senate
Titus Hou

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_____, Secretary
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UNIVERSITY OF IOWA STUDENT GOVERNMENT

10th Legislative Session- September 13, 2016

Student Senate Session #5

S.S.R. #2

Sponsor: Senator Haygood

Referred to: The Nominations Subcommittee

Student Senate Action: Passed/Failed/Tabled

A Resolution

Relating to the nomination of the freshman and at-large senator seats

1 Section 1. Short Title

2 This resolution may be cited as "Senatorial Appointments"

3 Whereas, the Nominations Subcommittee serves as the advisory body for filling
4 vacant senate seats; and

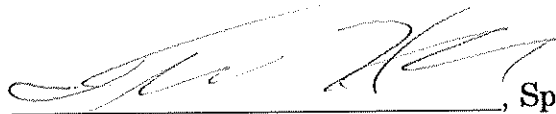
5 Whereas, 82 people applied, 33 were interviewed, and 14 were been selected; and

6 Whereas, the committee was looking for dedicated students with the potential for
7 leadership; Now, therefore, be it

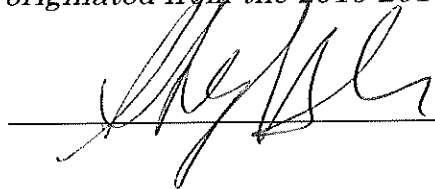
8 *Resolved*, The following people shall be appointed to the Student Senate:

- 9 Kyle Apple
- 10 Micah Augusma
- 11 Thomas Bowman
- 12 Valerie Drake
- 13 David Ehmcke
- 14 Ranan Fattal
- 15 Eli Kirschbaum
- 16 Noel Mills
- 17 Hira Mustafa
- 18 ZeFan Qin
- 19 Alexia Sanchez
- 20 Abigail Simon

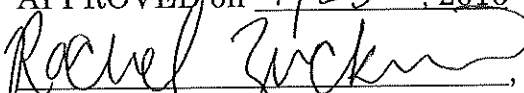
21 Marcus Smith
22 Greyson Zaun


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10th Legislative Session-September 27th, 2016
6th Senate Session
S.S.R.3

Sponsor: Senator Cable and Senator Rayner
Referred to the Academic Affairs Committee
Student Senate Action: Passed/Failed/Tabled

A Resolution

To express the University of Iowa Student Government's support of the initiative to publish ACE Evaluations.

1 Section 1. Short Title

2 This Resolution may be cited as the "ACE Evaluation Access Resolution"

3 Whereas, students are encouraged to fill out ACE evaluation forms for each class at the
4 end of the semester; and

5 Whereas, currently the only people with access to these evaluations are faculty and
6 administration. The results of these evaluations are currently utilized by only faculty;
7 and

8 Whereas, the access to ACE Evaluation results to students would increase
9 participation in the ACE Evaluations at the end of the semester. Students will then
10 have a direct visible impact in reviews of instructors and classes connected; and

11 Whereas, helpful teaching practices will be rewarded through student perspective as
12 students will be voicing their support for instructors who facilitate their academic
13 success; and

14 Whereas, students would benefit from access to information from fellow classmates
15 regarding specific techniques and feedback, providing them with information
16 regarding courses and instructors; Now, therefore, be it

17 *Resolved*, The University of Iowa Student Government recognizes and
18 supports the initiative to publish and provide students access to ACE
19 evaluations.

Mariah Prendergast, Speaker Pro Tempore of the Senate
Mariah Prendergast

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Sheng Hao Lu, Secretary
Sheng Hao Lu

APPROVED on 9/28, 2016

Rachel Zuckerman, UISG President
Rachel Zuckerman

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA STUDENT GOVERNMENT

10th Legislative Session- October 11, 2016

Student Senate Session #8

S.S.R. 4

Sponsor: Senator Haygood

Referred to: The Nominations Subcommittee

Student Senate Action: Passed/Failed/Tabled

A Resolution

Relating to the appointment of one nominee for the vacant at-large senator seats.

1 **Section 1. Short Title**

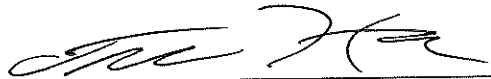
2 This resolution may be cited as "At-Large Senator Appointment"

3 **Whereas**, the Nominations Subcommittee serves as the advisory body for filling
4 vacant senate seats; and

5 **Whereas**, there were two open senator positions that needed to be filled; and

6 **Whereas**, after looking at the running list of those most qualified to fill vacant seats
7 the Nominations Committee chose the following.

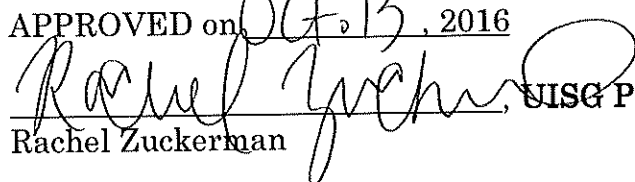
8 *Resolved*, that Bailey Carroll be appointed to the Senate.


_____, Speaker of the Senate
Titus Hou

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_____, Secretary
Sheng Hao Lu

APPROVED on Oct. 13, 2016


_____, UISG President
Rachel Zuckerman



10th Legislative Session - October 11, 2016
Student Senate Session 8
S.S.R. 5

Sponsor: Senator Finn and Senator Solon
Referred to the Diversity Committee
Student Senate Action: Passed/Failed/Tabled

A RESOLUTION

To voice University of Iowa Student Government's support for the development of a new Living Learning Community, All In, for the 2017-2018 academic year.

1 **Section 1. Short Title**

2 This act may be cited as "All In LLC."

3 **Whereas**, leadership from the University of Iowa's queer student organizations has
4 worked with University Housing & Dining to create a new Living Learning Community
5 (LLC) that is inclusive and affirming of queer identities; and,

6 **Whereas**, the LLC has been approved for implementation for the 2017-2018 academic
7 year; and,

8 **Whereas**, the University of Iowa has a lengthy history of setting precedent in terms of
9 diversity and inclusion; and

10 **Whereas**, all other schools in the Big Ten Conference have either gender inclusive
11 housing or a living community with an LGBTQ focus; and

12 **Whereas**, many current students and alumni of the University of Iowa have stated that
13 they wish a living community like All In had been available to them during their time in
14 the residence halls; and

15 **Whereas**, first year students can benefit from this LLC by meeting other queer and
16 accepting students; feeling at home in a hetero-normative, cis-normative, and
17 predominantly white society; being relieved of some pressure and anxiety associated
18 with coming out to new, potentially unaccepting roommates; and being connected to
19 resources for queer students.

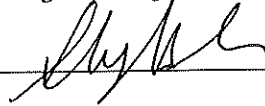
20 *Resolved*, The University of Iowa Student Government supports the creation of
21 the All In LLC for the 2017-2018 academic year.



Speaker of the Senate

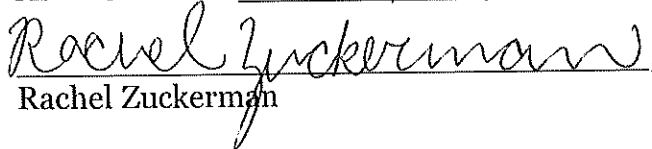
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Secretary
Sheng Hao Lu

APPROVED on Oct. 12, 2016

 **UISG President**
Rachel Zuckerman

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA STUDENT GOVERNMENT

10th Legislative Session- October 25, 2016

Student Senate Session #10

S.S.R. 6

Sponsor: Senator Haygood

Referred to: The Nominations Subcommittee

Student Senate Action: Passed/Failed/Tabled

A Resolution

Relating to the appointment of a nominee for the vacant at-large senator seat.

1 Section 1. Short Title


2 This resolution may be cited as "At-Large Senator Appointment"

3 Whereas, the Nominations Subcommittee serves as the advisory body for filling
4 vacant senate seats; and

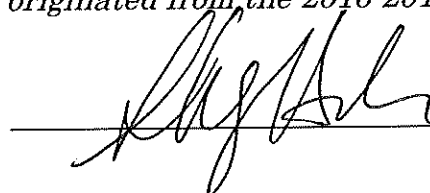
5 Whereas, there was one senator positions that needed to be filled; and

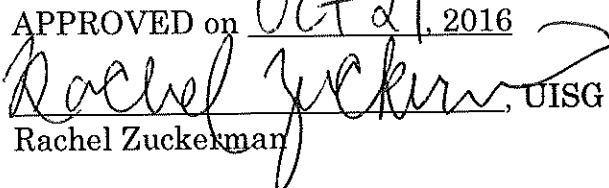
6 Whereas, after looking at the running list of those most qualified to fill vacant seats
7 the Nominations Committee chose the next one on the list. Now, therefore, be it

8 *Resolved*, that Jenna Pokorny be appointed to the Senate.


_____, Speaker of the Senate
Titus Hou

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Senate Session.*


_____, Secretary
Sheng Hao Lu

APPROVED on Oct 27, 2016

_____, UISG President
Rachel Zuckerman

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA STUDENT GOVERNMENT

10th Legislative Session-October 25, 2016

Student Senate Session #10

S.S.R. #7

Sponsor: Senators Abigail Simon and Akash Bhalerao

Referred to the Sustainability Committee

Student Senate Action: Passed/Failed/Tabled

A Resolution

To commend the efforts of past and present UISG members, Office of Sustainability and the Iowa City City Council in creating access to recycling services for tenants downtown.

1 Section 1. Short Title

2 This Resolution may be cited as the "Apartment Recycling Resolution"

3 Whereas, apartment complexes are providing insufficient access for recycling services to
4 tenants; and

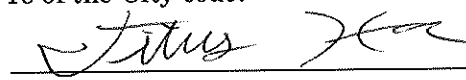
5 Whereas, 12,000 households currently do not have curbside recycling pick up and an
6 estimated 75% of trash sent to the Iowa City landfill is recyclable or compostable; and

7 Whereas, the University of Iowa student body has consistently demonstrated support for
8 expansion of recycling to apartments through petition, lobbying, and legislation since
9 2013; and

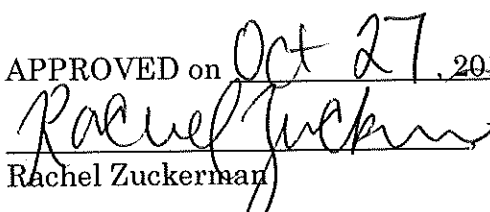
10 Whereas, Jeffrey Ding, Alec Bramel, Evan McCarthy, Nicki Neal and many others from
11 UISG; Jen Jordan – Recycling coordinator, City of Iowa City; Liz Christiansen – UI
12 Director of Sustainability; Geoff Fruin – City Manager, University of Iowa; and the
13 Iowa City Community that supported, advocated and worked to encourage City Council
14 to require access to recycling services in off-campus apartments. Now, therefore, be it

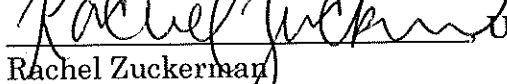
15 *Resolved,*

- 16 1. UISG commends the efforts of University of Iowa students, community
17 members, and all others involved in the passage of requiring access to
18 recycling services; and
19 2. The decision by the Iowa City City Council in supporting the ordinance
20 amending Title 16 of the City code.


_____, Speaker of the Senate
Titus Hou

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Sheng Hao Lu


_____, UISG President
Rachel Zuckerman

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA STUDENT GOVERNMENT

10th Legislative Session-October 25, 2016

Student Senate Session #10

S.S.R. #8

Sponsor: Senator Noel Mills and Senator Akash Bhalerao

Referred to the Sustainability Committee

Student Senate Action: Passed/Failed/Tabled

A Resolution

To encourage UIHC and UI Athletics to increase their sustainability efforts.

1 Section 1. Short Title

2 This Resolution may be cited as the "UIHC and UI Athletics Sustainability
3 Efforts Resolution"

4 Whereas, the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics and the University of
5 Iowa Athletics place insufficient emphasis on sustainability; and

6 Whereas, there is only one representative from the UIHC on the Sustainability
7 Charter Committee. This person represents the interests of 7 UI Health Care
8 locations and 7 UI Quick Care locations. That is a 1:14 person to facility ratio.
9 There is one, newly appointed representative from UI Athletics. This person
10 represents the 15 athletic facilities on campus; that is a 1:15 person to facility
11 ratio; and

12 Whereas, the UIHC and UI Athletics both have unique needs that should be
13 attended to by specialists in their fields; two people cannot feasibly create
14 sustainability over such vast enterprises: Now, therefore, be it

15 *Resolved*, The UISG supports and encourages:

- 16 1) The establishment of in-house sustainability committees for both the
17 University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics and the University of Iowa
18 Athletics; and
19 2) The hiring of sustainability coordinators for the University of Iowa
20 Hospitals and Clinics and the University of Iowa Athletics each; and

21 *Resolved*, this resolution will be sent to President Harreld, Jean Robillard,
22 Vice President for Medical Affairs and Dean, Carver College of Medicine;
23 Kenneth P. Kates, Chief Executive Officer – UI Hospitals and Clinics; Sabi
24 Singh, Co-Chief Operating Officer – UI Hospitals and Clinics; Scott Turner,
25 Co-Chief Operating Officer and Executive Director of UI Children's Hospital;
26 Gary Barta, Director of UI Athletics; Gene Taylor, Deputy Director of UI
27 Athletics; Barbara Burke, Senior Associate Athletics Director and Sports
28 Administration/Event Management/Senior Woman Administrator; Paula
29 Jantz, Senior Associate AD, Operations/Event Management.

Titus Hou, Speaker of the Senate
Titus Hou

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Sheng Hao Lu, Secretary
Sheng Hao Lu

APPROVED on OCT 27, 2016
Rachel Zuckerman, UISG President
Rachel Zuckerman

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA STUDENT GOVERNMENT

10th Legislative Session-November 8, 2016

Student Senate Session #12

S.S.R. #9

Sponsor: Senator Bruno Ponce and Senator Akash Bhalerao

Referred to the Sustainability, Diversity, Student Life, and Safety Committee

Student Senate Action: Passed/Failed/Tabled

A Resolution

To commend and support the work of UI Department of Parking & Transportation for establishing the UI RideShare Network and to have an all-UISG Marketing effort for the network to get out to students.

1 Section 1. Short Title

2 This Resolution may be cited as the "UI RideShare Network Resolution"

3 Whereas, the University of Iowa now has a centralized Ride Share network for
4 students, staff and faculty; and

5 Whereas, 45.5% of the student population at the University of Iowa is considered
6 out-of-state; and

7 Whereas, the State of Iowa Department of Transportation has released a
8 statewide program that helped established and will assist in maintaining UI
9 RideShare; and

10 Whereas, until now students have been using social media like Facebook as a
11 means to find carpooling options, and even if it is not necessarily dangerous, it is
12 not secure; and

13 Whereas, UI RideShare uses state-of-the-art technology and software to help
14 university employees and students find commuting partners who also work or
15 study at the University of Iowa. The system can also be used for single-trip
16 matching to athletic, performance, or community events plus options for finding
17 walking, biking, and transit buddies.

18 Whereas, UI RideShare will enhance the UI student life experience and make it
19 convenient for students to find rides as they can register using their hawk ID
20 and password, thus also making it a secure option for students
21

22 Whereas, UI just like other major educational institutions has a diverse group of
23 students from different socioeconomic backgrounds and UI RideShare will make
24 intra-town and inter-town transport affordable for all students

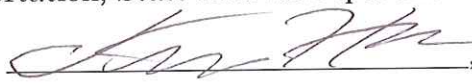
25 Whereas, UI RideShare will encourage students to carpool and not use their cars
26 as often or to even not bring cars to campus, thus preventing emissions of
27 greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide, also helping reduce traffic

28 Whereas, the University of Iowa now has a secure, affordable, and sustainable
29 carpooling network for students, faculty, and staff: Now, therefore, be it

30 *Resolved,*

- 31 1) UISG commends the efforts of the University of Iowa Parking &
32 Transportation for making UI RideShare available for students, staff,
33 faculty;and
34 2) UISG will help University of Iowa Department of Parking and
35 Transportation to get the word about the RideShare Network to as many
36 students as they can; and be it further

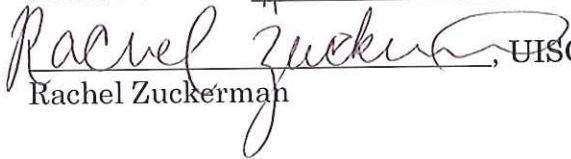
37 *Resolved,* this resolution will be sent to President Harreld, UI Department of
38 Parking and Transportation, State of Iowa Department of Transportation.


_____, Speaker of the Senate
Titus Hou

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Senate Session.*


_____, Secretary
Sheng Hao Lu

APPROVED on 11-14-16, 2016


_____, UISG President
Rachel Zuckerman

University of Iowa Student Government

10th Legislative Session-November 8th, 2016

Student Senate Session #12

S.S.R. #10

Sponsor: Senator Owens and Senator Finn

Referred to the Diversity and Sustainability Committee

Student Senate Action: Passed/Failed/Tabled

A Resolution

To stand in solidarity with the #NoDAPL movement, amplify marginalized voices at the University of Iowa and in this country, and call for the termination of the Dakota Access pipeline in its current state.

1 Section 1. Short Title

2 This act may be cited as “Solidarity Against DAPL.”

3 **Whereas**, the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL) is an underground crude oil pipeline, the
4 construction of which started in early 2016, which plans to carry between 470,000 and
5 570,000 barrels per day through 1,200 miles of North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, and
6 Illinois; and,

7 **Whereas**, the pipeline was originally planned to cross under the Missouri River north
8 of Bismarck, ND, but, due to concerns about potential water supply contamination, was
9 rerouted to cross the river half a mile upstream of the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation;
10 and,

11 **Whereas**, although the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe expressed concerns about threats to
12 their water supply and that the pipeline would disturb cultural, religious, and ancient
13 burial sites, the construction was approved by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in July,
14 2016; and,

15 **Whereas**, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe’s opposition to the pipeline and requests for
16 consultation have been largely overlooked, up until November 14th 2016, since the
17 original proposal of the pipeline in 2014; and,

18 **Whereas**, the Army Corps of Engineers disregarded similar concerns expressed by the
19 Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of the Interior, and the Advisory
20 Council on Historic Preservation when it approved this project; and,

21 **Whereas**, the Army Corps of Engineers did not fully consider the environmental and
22 cultural impacts of the project, but rather used Nationwide Permit 12 to consider the
23 entire pipeline as a series of smaller projects with half-acre areas of impact, allowing the
24 Corps to ignore the potential greater impacts of the pipeline; and,

25 **Whereas**, the proposed route for DAPL cuts through at least 200 rivers, creeks, and
26 tributaries through the Midwest; and,

27 **Whereas**, wildlife habitats, farms, and communities in Iowa will be directly affected by
28 the implementation of the pipeline; and,

29 **Whereas**, the University of Iowa and its surrounding communities respect and cherish
30 their natural resources; and,

31 **Whereas**, the United States has a long, shameful history of stealing from, mistreating,
32 and killing Native Americans, and the University of Iowa Student Government is
33 committed to standing against this pattern of abuse; and,

34 **Whereas**, the #NoDAPL movement represents the erasure of Native voices and a
35 momentous, collective resistance by indigenous people against settler colonialism; and,


36 **Whereas**, 300 students at the University of Iowa in addition to 29 campus
37 organizations have expressed interest in support of stopping construction of the Dakota
38 Access Pipeline: Now, therefore, be it

39 *Resolved*, the University of Iowa Student Government stands in solidarity with
40 the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and the #NoDAPL movement; and, be it further

41 *Resolved*, the University of Iowa Student Government reaffirms its support of
42 Native American students; and, be it further

43 *Resolved*, the University of Iowa Student Government urges healthy and
44 sustainable environmental practices in Johnson County, Iowa, and beyond; and,
45 be it finally

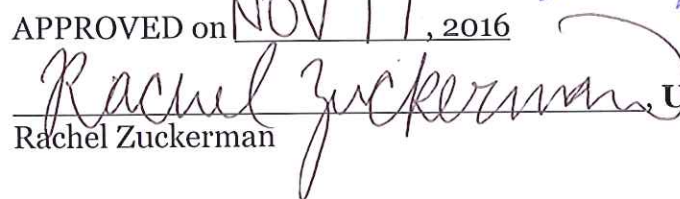
46 *Resolved*, the University of Iowa Student Government calls upon the Army Corps
47 of Engineers, the Iowa Utilities Board, President-Elect Trump and President
48 Obama to terminate the Dakota Access Pipeline project in its current state.


_____, **Speaker of the Senate**
Titus Hou

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APPROVED on NOV 17, 2016


_____, **Secretary**
Sheng Hao Lu


_____, **UISG President**
Rachel Zuckerman

University of Iowa Student Government

10th Legislative Session-November 29th, 2016

Student Senate Session #14

S.S.R. #11

Sponsor: Senators Abigail Simon, Bailey Carroll and Akash Bhalerao

Referred to the Sustainability and Academic Affairs Committees

Student Senate Action: Passed/Failed/Tabled

A Resolution

To encourage the University to address major curricular gaps existent in life sciences course offerings at the University of Iowa.

1 Section 1. Short Title

2 This Resolution may be cited as the "Life Science Courses Resolution"

3 **Whereas**, the University of Iowa does not offer sufficient courses for undergraduate
4 students in the subjects of ecology, evolution, organismal biology, and field work;
5 and

6 **Whereas**, surveyed former and current Biology, Biomedical Engineering, and
7 Environmental Sciences students, as well as professors, have voiced concerns and
8 frustration over insufficient coursework available; and

9 **Whereas**, foundational courses and fieldwork are essential to successful student
10 learning and engagement, as well as post-graduate real life endeavors: Now,
11 therefore, be it

12 *Resolved*, the University of Iowa Student Government encourages:

- 13 1) The establishment of additional courses regularly available for
14 undergraduate students in the fields of ecology, evolution, and organismal
15 biology
16 2) The Establishment of courses (that are available throughout the academic
17 year) and including emphasis on laboratories focused on
18 evolution/ecology/organismal biology (including field components) to
19 encourage application of material taught in the classroom; and, be it further

20 *Resolved*, upon passage that this resolution be sent to Barry Butler,
21 Executive Vice President and Provost; Bruce Harreld, President; Chaden
22 Djalali, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Diane Slusarski,
23 Departmental Executive Officer/Chair, Department of Biology; Bryant
24 McAllister, Associate Chair for Undergraduate Education, Department of
25 Biology; Andrew Forbes, Associate Professor, Department of Biology; Erin

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Irish, Associate Professor, Department of Biology; and Tom Foster,
Departmental Executive Chair, Earth & Environmental Sciences.

Titus Hou, **Speaker of the Senate**
Titus Hou

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Sheng Hao Lu, **Secretary**
Sheng Hao Lu

APPROVED on Dec 2, 2016
Rachel Zuckerman, **UISG President**
Rachel Zuckerman

University of Iowa Student Government
10th Legislative Session-November 29th, 2016
Student Senate Session #14
S.S.R. #12

Sponsor: Senator Ruaes and Senator Mohd
Referred to the Academic Affairs, Student Life, Diversity, and Sustainability
Committee
Student Senate Action: Passed/Failed/Tabled

A RESOLUTION

To commend The University of Iowa's participation in the Unizin Consortium that will increase access, quality, and outcomes of higher education; and to commend any faculty that adopt solutions from the Consortium, and adopt or create Open Educational Resources.

1 Section 1. Short Title

2 This act may be cited as "Unizin Consortium & Open Educational Resources
3 Resolution"

4 Whereas, higher education is facing a crisis of access, quality, and outcomes.

5 Whereas, the National Association of College Stores states the average college
6 student spends \$655 on textbooks every year; and

7 Whereas, currently only a few courses at The University of Iowa use Open
8 Educational Resources; and

9 Whereas, solutions to these crises' will need to be through a highly collaborative
10 process that calls for faculty adoption of next generation learning technologies; and

11 Whereas, the University of Iowa has joined the Unizin Consortium to generate
12 solutions to these crises'; and

13 Whereas, next generation learning technologies are here to stay, and the
14 University's participation will allow its students to harness the full potential of
15 these technologies to their advantage; and

16 Whereas, Unizin is a nonprofit organization funded by member investments and
17 governed by those institutions; and

18 Whereas, Unizin's mission is to improve the learning experience by providing
19 digital teaching and learning resources that improve access, affordability, economic
20 sustainability and learner success. Whether it's innovative ways to find and share
21 digital content, delivering course materials more affordably, or providing insights to

22 help students succeed, Unizin is committed to improving the learning experience;
23 and

24 Whereas, the Unizin consortium is able to negotiate prices for publisher digital
25 content that are substantially below list price; and

26 Whereas, Indiana University has demonstrated that high faculty of adoption of
27 these resources and technologies amounted to \$15 million in student savings in just
28 2 years; and

29 Whereas, additionally, digital content is relevant to sustainability because of
30 economic sustainability and the reduction of paper needed for academic material;
31 and

32 Whereas, outcomes of participating in this consortium and adoption and creation of
33 Open Educational Resources will be increased affordability, increased student
34 outcomes, increased quality of education and increased economic sustainability
35 practices to support the diverse student population at the University of Iowa. Now,
36 therefore be it

37 *Resolved,*

38 1) UISG commends the efforts of the Office of Teaching, Learning &
39 Technology for adopting the Unizin platform;

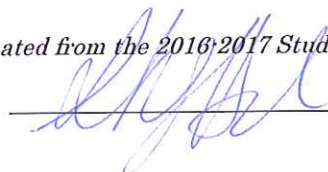
40 2) UISG will work to support the Office of Teaching, Learning & Technology
41 in furthering its mission to encourage and promote a university culture that
42 values & rewards teaching and learning excellence;

43 3) UISG encourages faculty to create and adopt affordable Open Educational
44 Resources; and be it further

45 *Resolved,* this resolution will be sent to President Harreld; Office of the
46 Provost; Office of Teaching, Learning, & Technology; Faculty Senate; and all
47 University of Iowa Colleges

_____, Speaker of the Senate
Titus Hou

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_____, Secretary
Sheng Hao Lu

APPROVED on _____, 2016

_____, UISG President
Rachel Zuckerman

University of Iowa Student Government
10th Legislative Session-November 29, 2016
Student Senate Session #14
S.S.R. #13

Sponsor: Senator Ruales and Senator Mohd
Referred to the Academic Affairs
Student Senate Action: Passed/Failed/Tabled

A RESOLUTION

To voice University of Iowa Student Government's support for course material being tax exempt at University of Iowa operated bookstores

1 **Section 1. Short Title**

2 This act may be cited as "Course Material Tax Exemption Resolution"

3 **Whereas**, currently, University of Iowa students pay the Iowa sales tax rate of 6.0%
4 on all course material purchases made at University of Iowa operated bookstores;
5 and

6 **Whereas**, the National Association of College Stores states the average college
7 student spends \$655 on textbooks every year leading to an avoidable cost of \$39.30
8 in sales tax; and

9 **Whereas**, finding ways to alleviate the ever-increasing cost of higher education is
10 critical for increased access, quality, and outcomes; and


11 **Whereas**, campus stores were the market leaders in course material purchases
12 during the 2015-16 academic year, so alleviating cost in these locations will benefit
13 the majority of our student population; and

14 **Whereas**, implementing this tax exemption will further demonstrate The University
15 of Iowa's commitment to its students and their success at Iowa. Now, therefore be it

16 *Resolved,*

17 1. UISG supports the Vice President for Student Life, Tom Rocklin, and his
18 staff in their pursuit to place a tax exemption on course materials purchased
19 from University of Iowa operated bookstores; and

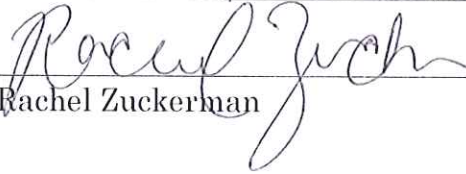
20 2. Upon passage, this resolution will be sent to President Harreld and The
21 Division of Student Life.


_____, Speaker of the Senate
Titus Hou

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_____, Secretary
Sheng Hao Lu

APPROVED on DEC 2, 2016


_____, UISG President
Rachel Zuckerman

University of Iowa Student Government

10th Legislative Session-November 29th, 2016

Student Senate Session #14

S.S.R. #14

Sponsor: Senator Bhalerao and Senator Kirschbaum

Referred to the Sustainability and Student Life Committees

Student Senate Action: Passed/Failed/Tabled

A Resolution

To require composting to be present at every event that is hosted by a student organization or a UI department at the Iowa Memorial Union to make events as sustainable as possible.

1 **Section 1.**

2 This act may be cited as "IMU Sustainable Events Resolution".

3 **Whereas**, currently, organizations can request composting bins for events in the
4 IMU, but this is not common knowledge as it is not well advertised; and

5 **Whereas**, despite this fact, many organizations request and have composting at
6 their events to be sustainable; and

7 **Whereas**, if University Catering provides the food for events, all the dining ware
8 and food items are compostable aside from butter packets; and

9 **Whereas**, composting bins are readily available in the IMU and the pick-up
10 service is already in place; and

11 **Whereas**, 30% of the waste from the UI is compostable; and

12 **Whereas**, compostable materials that are thrown in the trash are not able to
13 properly decompose and are taken to a landfill and burned, emitting greenhouse
14 gasses into the atmosphere; and

15 **Whereas**, student organizations can apply to the Green Initiative Fund through
16 UISG to request funding to have compostables at the events; and

17 **Whereas**, mandating that events at the IMU have composting is an important
18 educational and operational step to make composting more prevalent throughout
19 the University of Iowa because the IMU is the main hub for students and
20 student organizations on campus: Now, therefore, be it

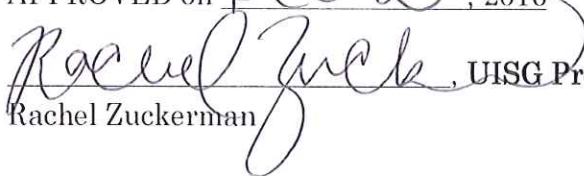
21 *Resolved*, the University of Iowa Student Government supports and fully
22 encourages the IMU to require composting to be present at all events in the
23 Iowa Memorial Union (if not only composting) to lead the campus in terms
24 of composting; and, be it further

25 *Resolved*, this resolution will be sent to Dr. Nelson, Director of IMU &
26 CSIL; IMU Event Services; IMU Catering; and UI Recycling Coordinator.


_____, **Speaker of the Senate**
Titus Hou

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Student Senate Session.*


_____, **Secretary**
Sheng Hao Lu

APPROVED on DEC 2, 2016

_____, **UISG President**
Rachel Zuckerman

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA STUDENT GOVERNMENT

10th Legislative Session-November 29th, 2016

Student Senate Session #14

S.S.R. #15

Sponsor: Senator Lilian Sanchez and Senator Tom Bowman

Referred to the Governmental Relations Committee and Safety Committee

Student Senate Action: Passed/Failed/Tabled

A RESOLUTION

To encourage the Iowa State Legislature to adopt the policy recommendations for Medical Amnesty in the State of Iowa put forth by UISG and ISUSG.

1 **Section 1. Short Title**

2 This Resolution may be cited as the "UISG Resolution for Medical Amnesty in the
3 State of Iowa"

4 **Whereas**, medical amnesty policies are defined as policies that protect from
5 prosecution persons who experience a medical emergency caused by the illegal
6 possession or consumption of alcohol, such as underage consumption, open
7 container, or public intoxication; and,

8 **Whereas**, 36 states have implemented medical amnesty policies into their legal
9 code, including Minnesota and Wisconsin, whose current legislation serve as the
10 foundation for our recommendations; and,

11 **Whereas**, the state of Minnesota's current legislation, H.F. 946, affords legal
12 amnesty to those in need of an alcohol-related medical emergency and extends
13 amnesty to those reporting other safety concerns, such as sexual assault and
14 domestic violence; and,

15 **Whereas**, the state of Wisconsin's current legislation, Assembly Bill 808, prohibits
16 the issuance of alcohol-related citations to individuals who were victims of sexual
17 assault and other crimes and to the individuals who report such crimes, and
18 prohibits educational institutions from issuing any sort of academic reprimand
19 including, but not limited to: suspension, expulsion, removal from courses, and
20 eviction; and,

21 **Whereas**, the State of Iowa is one of fourteen states that lacks a medical amnesty
22 policy in its legal code; and,

23 **Whereas**, the spirit of medical amnesty has legislative precedent in Iowa,
24 established by the state of Iowa's current legislation, S.F. 2218, which allows for the
25 administration of an opioid antagonist to those experiencing an opioid overdose,
26 reducing barriers to saving lives; and,

27 **Whereas**, currently, in situations that would be applicable to medical amnesty
28 policies, the decision to issue a citation is left up to officer discretion, which prevents
29 a guarantee of protection from prosecution and/or citation for persons who
30 experience a medical emergency caused by the illegal possession or consumption of
31 alcohol; and,

32 **Whereas**, the University of Iowa and the University of Northern Iowa each have
33 their own policies that equate to medical amnesty, respectively the Responsible
34 Action Protocol and the Good Samaritan Policy, which protect students who violate
35 the student code from academic repercussions, including but not limited to
36 suspensions, expulsions, course drops, and evictions; and,

37 **Whereas**, the Responsible Action Protocol and the Good Samaritan Policy only
38 protect from academic repercussions from the institution, not legal repercussions
39 from state and local authorities; and,

40 **Whereas**, jointly, the Iowa State University Student Government and the
41 University of Iowa Student Government, make the following recommendations to
42 the State Legislature for immediate adoption as found in the "Proposal for Medical
43 Amnesty in the State of Iowa":

44 1. Underage individuals who seek emergency medical attention for themselves or on
45 behalf of another individual will not be charged with violations and reprimands found in
46 Iowa Code 123.46, Iowa Code 123.47, subsection 3 and 4, and Iowa Code 805.8C,
47 subsection 7.

48 2. Underage individuals who seek emergency safety protection from crimes including
49 but not limited to rape, sexual assault, and domestic violence, for themselves or on
50 behalf of another individual will not be charged with violations and reprimands found in
51 Iowa Code 123.46, Iowa Code 123.47, subsection 3 and 4, and Iowa Code 805.8C,
52 subsection 7.

53 3. Prohibit certain disciplinary sanctions, including but not limited to suspension,
54 expulsion, and eviction, from educational institutions if the underage individual is a
55 student.

56 4. These protections will apply only to the first (1st) individual who requests emergency
57 services and to the person for whom emergency services are being requested.

58 5. For an individual to receive these protections they must:

59 a. Communicate the emergency to an authority and, in the event the
60 individual is calling on behalf of another, remain with the individual until
61 the appropriate care can be provided.

62 b. Cooperate with all emergency personnel with the provision of emergency
63 services.

64 c. Should any underage party demonstrate non-compliance with any of
65 these instructions, the above protections shall be rendered moot; and,

66 **Whereas**, unintentional alcohol related accidents are among the leading causes of
67 death for individuals between the ages of 18-24 in the United States; and,

68 **Whereas**, medical amnesty policies have demonstrated the ability to mitigate the
69 threat of unintentional alcohol related accidents, as found in a 2006 Cornell
70 University study, which determined that:

- 71 • There was a 7.5% decrease in alcohol-related emergency room cases.
- 72 • There was a 22% increase in calls for medical assistance.
- 73 • There was a 61% decrease in students who reported not calling emergency
74 services because they feared repercussions; and,

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76 **Whereas**, medical amnesty is a non-partisan policy that has received support in
77 every jurisdiction. Now, therefore, be it

- 78 • *Resolved*, The UISG supports and encourages the Iowa State Legislature to
79 adopt policies that protect from prosecution persons who experience a
80 medical emergency caused by the illegal possession or consumption of alcohol
81 and remove obstacles that may lead to hesitation when reporting incidences;
82 and, be it further,

83 *Resolved*, this resolution will be sent to Governor Terry Branstad,
84 distinguished members of the Iowa State Legislature House and Senate, and
85 all University of Iowa Government Relations persons.

Titus Hou, Speaker of the Senate
Titus Hou

*I hereby attest and certify that this resolution originated from the 2016-2017
Student Senate Session.*

[Signature], Secretary
Sheng Hao Lu

APPROVED on Dec 2 2016

[Signature] UISG President
Rachel Zuckerman

Governing Documents

Every document that directs our operation is on the UISG website, uisg.uiowa.edu, under the “What We Do” tab. This includes our By-laws, Constitution, and funding standards.

Questions or Comments?

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