2020 PRIORITIES

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Prioritizing Mental Health

- Advocate for the creation of a student-led University Counseling Services advisory board
- Require and improve mental health trainings for all faculty and staff
- Address UCS wait times and accessibility
- Help advertise existing mental health resources on campus
- Strengthen the green bandana project and increase its promotion
- Implement a suicide awareness campaign
- Strengthen cultural trainings for UCS staff
- Create a guide to navigating off-campus resources and insurance options
- Execute a campaign to destigmatize the use of mental health resources
- Advocate for the inclusion of mental health days in class attendance policies

Preventing Sexual Assault and Supporting Survivors

- Promote an “It’s On Us” campaign
- Partner with Housing & Dining and Fraternity & Sorority Life on strengthening consent education programming
- Bring together Iowa City restaurants and bars to implement preventive programs
- Better advertise existing campus resources like the Office of Sexual Misconduct Response Coordinator and the Rape Victim Advocacy Program
- Advocate for increased support for survivors through the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act
- Educate students, faculty, and staff on responding to sexual assault disclosures

Securing Your Safety

- Conduct a campus and city lighting audit alongside the UI Depart—
DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

Promoting the Power of Wellness

- Advocate for Student Health to host mobile units in residence halls and community locations to increase access to healthcare
- Work with Student Wellness to promote their new Mindfulness program that assists students in managing their stress
- Strengthen alcohol overdose prevention educationals in Fraternity & Sorority Life and Residence Education
- Promote the red watch band program across campus
- Increase accessibility to high-quality menstrual products
- Create a health and safety app through university Information Technology Services

Putting DEI at the Forefront

- Push for discussions on diversity, equity, and inclusion within major campus programs such as Orientation, On Iowa!, and Homecoming
- Build on the UISG demographic survey and actively recruit for a more inclusive student government
- Uplift student voices in conversations surrounding future cultural corridor projects while also pushing for real progress
- Host regular listening sessions within the UI Cultural Centers
- Hold campus-wide DEI focused round tables to hear from students on their experiences
- Require NCBI (National Coalition Building Institute) trainings for all student government executives within the first semester
• Shape the diversity and inclusion general education to fit the needs of students

**Improving Support for International Students**

• Partner with Orientation Services and International Programs in enhancing the international student orientation experience
• Replicate relationship-focused programs like the Conversation Center and Global Buddies
• Educate domestic students on what it means to live in a global community
• Institute resources in Student Health to remove any language barriers
• Advocate for the creation of a peer to peer international student mentorship program
• Expand the translation of financial guides to include additional languages

**Advocating for Students with Disabilities**

• Establish a Student Disability Services advisory board
• Conduct a student led accessibility audit of high trafficked facilities on campus
• Work with Student Disability Services in creating a guide on how to facilitate accommodations requests for students, staff, and faculty
• Promote the campus accessibility map
• Streamline the reporting process for students facing barriers in receiving an accommodation
• Ensure Student Disabilities Services remains in an accessible and central location on our campus

**Uplifting LGBTQ+ Hawkeyes**

• Urge the Office of Admissions to partner with LGBTQ+ high school organizations during the recruitment process
• Expand The Safe Zone training to faculty and staff across campus
• Streamline the process to report faculty and staff who consis-
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND ADVOCACY

Protecting Student Tenants

- Advocate for a statewide move-in checklist policy
- Encourage City Council to put in place stronger requirements on new apartment buildings
- Advocate for affordable student housing – not luxury apartments
- Advertise Iowa City Government’s tips for tenants and landlord complaint form
- Work with Student Legal Services to hold renters’ rights workshops
- Continue to publish and promote the annual UISG renter’s guide
- Maintain clear communication with city council by holding regular conversations and hosting the second-annual joint meeting

Increasing Participation in All Elections

- Coordinate with campus partners in providing voter registration opportunities across the university
- Continue to partner with Hawk The Vote and support their initiatives
- Host student-focused forums with candidates for all levels of office
- Communicate rules and requirements surrounding the voting process
- Provide a guide for student organizations on how to become more civically engaged and increase their voter registration levels
- Promote the UI temporary voter ID for students who need it
- Target specific communities on campus where voter turnout is consistently low
• Create a guide for political campaigns on how to best engage students on campus

**Advocating at the State and Federal Level**

• Host elected officials and regents for student-led campus visits
• Partner with the Johnson County League of Women Voters to host student-focused legislative forums on campus
• Make frequent trips to the Iowa State Capitol to discuss student priorities
• Establish a tangible legislative agenda that improves the lives of all Hawkeyes
• Advocate for increased appropriations to the University of Iowa
• Develop a messaging campaign to show the impact of rising tuition
• Work with Orientation and Family Weekend programs to give parents the opportunity to send a postcard to their Iowa legislators
• Champion the passage of a statewide medical amnesty law
• Remain vocal at Board of Regents meetings about the issues students face

**Sustainability**

**Creating a Campus Culture**

• Improve and promote the sustainable purchasing guide
• Host workshops and trainings with student organizations on how they can become more sustainable
• Empower Fraternity and Sorority Life sustainability chairs to advance efforts within their chapters
• Hold landlords accountable for providing recycling opportunities
• Align student government’s initiatives with the university’s 2030 sustainability goals
• Work with on-campus dining and events to reduce single use programming
• Educate the student body on how to successfully recycle on and off campus
• Expand the new IMU compost bins throughout the university
• Promote the implementation of a sustainability general education requirement across colleges

STUDENT EXPERIENCES

Improving Academic and Involvement Opportunities

• Collaborate with 1stGen@Iowa to support first-generation students in their academic and career endeavors
• Promote the use of AfterClass and the campus events website
• Create an involvement and engagement audit to coincide a degree audit
• Advocate for faculty to undergo trainings through the UI Center of Teaching
• Advertise existing academic resources through UISG social media
• Partner with the Iowa Center for Research by Undergraduates to develop a research campaign across campus

Fighting for Affordability

• Host a scholarship fair to advertise current financial opportunities
• Implement a tuition and financial aid education campaign
• Host workshops to assist students in filling out the FAFSA
• Partner with the UI Center for Advancement to increase scholarships available to students
• Ensure we are not unnecessarily or inefficiently increasing student fees
• Establish a graduation gown donation drive
• Continue to hold a textbook donation drive each semester
• Work with the university provost to increase online educational resources
• Promote basic needs resources like the Food Pantry and Clothing Closet
Strengthening Relationships with Student Organizations

• Increase communication between UISG and student organizations by further developing the liaison program and creating a tailored newsletter
• Encourage student leaders to attend senate by increasing advertisement of meeting agendas
• Better the relationship with Fraternity & Sorority Life by holding regular meetings with council presidents
• Host a student leader networking night to increase collaboration between organizations
• Free up funds for student organizations by supporting the “50–50 in 3–5” plan and working with current services and organizations to find outside monetary sources
• Hold regular UISG funding meetings and workshops with student organizations across campus

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