University of Iowa Student Government

GENERAL SENATE MEETING

September 20, 2011

A.) Call Meeting to Order

B.) Quorum Call – Roll Call

C.) Public Access
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E.) Old Business

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✓ S.S.B. 14 - SABAC Supplemental I Budget
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G.) Reports
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I.) Adjournment
UNIVERSITY OF IOWA STUDENT GOVERNMENT
Student Senate

Dissolution of Student Elections Board and Creation of the Student Elections Board Commissioner
Student Senate Bill 8
Submitted by: Speaker Pottebaum

Student Senate Action: Passed/Tabled
September 20, 2011

AN ACT, relating to Student Elections Board; and

WHEREAS, the official name of this legislation shall be Dissolution of Student Elections Board and Creation of the Student Elections Board Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, former Student Elections Board Commissioner Gordon Sonnenschein described SEB structure as inefficient; and

WHEREAS, former Student Elections Board Commissioner Gordon Sonnenschein suggested that SEB be run by a single person given that elections would be more efficient and effective; and

WHEREAS, President Higgins, Vice President Caplin, and Speaker Pottebaum meet with stakeholders over Summer 2011; and

WHEREAS, the best solution to running and overseeing future elections for the Student Elections Board would be through a single person in order for elections to be effective and efficient; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the University of Iowa Student Government dissolves the Student Elections Board; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the University of Iowa Student Government replaces the commission with a single commissioner to be called the ‘Student Elections Board Commissioner’ to be selected through the Nominations Committee process; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the University of Iowa Student Government Student Judicial Court (SJC) will hear any elections dispute appeals according to the SJC By-Laws that arise in accordance with the SEBC By-laws; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Student Elections Board Commissioner will act upon the former Student Elections Board By-Laws to operate; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Student Elections Board Commissioner By-Laws will be updated with the new Student Elections Board Commissioner, Student Judicial Court, UISG Senator(s), and UISG Executive(s) and submit a revised and updated by-laws to Student Senate by December 1st, 2011; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the University of Iowa Student Government dissolves the Student Elections Board and replaces it with the Student Elections Board Commissioner with any elections appeals to be heard by the Student Judicial Court.
SO BE IT ENACTED, by the University of Iowa Student Government.

SPEAKER OF THE SENATE
Nicholas D. Pottebaum

I hereby attest and certify that this bill originated in the University of Iowa Student Government (UISG) during the 2011-2012 Student Senate Session and is known as SS-Bill-8

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE
Jessica H. Tobin

APPROVED October 7th, 2011

UISG PRESIDENT
Elliot W. Higgins
AN ACT, relating to the update and revisions to the University of Iowa Student Government Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the official name of this legislation shall be the University of Iowa Student Government Constitution Revisions; and

WHEREAS, as prescribed by the UISG Constitution and By-Laws revisions and updates shall occur from time to time; and

WHEREAS, President Higgins, Vice President Caplin, and Speaker Pottebaum meet over Summer 2011 to consider revisions and updates to reflect the current structure of the University of Iowa Student Government and its operations; and

WHEREAS, updates and revisions to organizations constitutions are necessary from time to time; and

WHEREAS, a thirty-day appeals period was granted for discussion and considered changes; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution has not been updated since January 26, 2010; and

WHEREAS, in order to be an effectively run governing body these documents should be reviewed annually; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the University of Iowa Student Government adopts and adheres to the updated version of the UISG Constitution, effective immediately; and

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

SPEAKER OF THE SENATE
Nicholas D. Pottebaum

I hereby attest and certify that this bill originated in the University of Iowa Student Government (UISG) during the 2011-2012 Student Senate Session and is known as S.S.Bill – 9

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE
Jessica H. Tobin

APPROVED October 7, 2011

UISG PRESIDENT
Elliot W. Higgins
UNIVERSITY OF IOWA STUDENT GOVERNMENT
Student Senate

UISG By-Laws Revisions and Updates
Student Senate Bill 10
Submitted by: Speaker Pottebaum

Student Senate Action: Passed/Failed/Tabled
September 20, 2011

AN ACT, relating to the update and revisions to the University of Iowa Student Government By-Laws; and

WHEREAS, the official name of this legislation shall be the University of Iowa Student Government By-Laws Revisions and Updated; and

WHEREAS, as prescribed by the UISG Constitution and By-Laws revisions and updates shall occur from time to time; and

WHEREAS, President Higgins, Vice President Caplin, and Speaker Pottebaum met over Summer 2011 to consider revisions and updates to reflect the current structure of the University of Iowa Student Government and its operations; and

WHEREAS, updates and revisions to organizations by-laws are necessary from time to time; and

WHEREAS, a thirty-day appeals period was granted for discussion and considered changes given the new structure of UISG Senate Committees and UISG Executive Positions; and

WHEREAS, the By-Laws have not been updated since January 26, 2010; and

WHEREAS, in order to be an effectively run governing body these documents should be reviewed annually; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the University of Iowa Student Government adopts and adheres to the updated version of the UISG By-Laws, effective immediately; and

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

SPEAKER OF THE SENATE
Nicholas D. Pottebaum

I hereby attest and certify that this bill originated in the University of Iowa Student Government (UISG) during the 2011-2012 Student Senate Session and is known as S.S. Bill – 10

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE
Jessica H. Tobin

APPROVED October 7, 2011

UISG PRESIDENT
Elliot W. Higgins
UNIVERSITY OF IOWA STUDENT GOVERNMENT  
Student Senate  

Student Judicial Court Reform  
Student Senate Bill 11  
Submitted by: Speaker Pottebaum  

Student Senate Action: Passed/Failed/Tabled  
September 20, 2011  

AN ACT, relating to the update and revisions to the University of Iowa Student Government Student Judicial Court; and  

WHEREAS, the official name of this legislation shall be the University of Iowa Student Government Student Judicial Court Reform; and  

WHEREAS, President Higgins, Vice President Caplin, Speaker Pottebaum, and Chief Justice Tanvi Inani met over Summer 2011 to consider revisions and reforms to the Student Judicial Court to better serve the university population; and  

WHEREAS, it was recognized that Student Judicial Court needed reform and given extra duties; and  

WHEREAS, many considerations and ideas were taken in to gather the best direction of Student Judicial Court; and  

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the University of Iowa Student Government reforms Student Judicial Court to take on the tasks of elections appeals, Parking and Transportation Review Committee Appeals, and University of Iowa Student Government Senate rules and procedures appeals; and  

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the University of Iowa Student Government passes an updated version of the Student Judicial Court By-Laws which specify the new forms in detail; and  

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the University of Iowa Student Government adopts and adheres to the Student Judicial Court reforms, effective immediately; and  

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

SPEAKER OF THE SENATE  
Nicholas D. Pottebaum  

I hereby attest and certify that this bill originated in the University of Iowa Student Government (UISG) during the 2011-2012 Student Senate Session and is known as S.S. Bill – 11  

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE  
Jessica H. Tobin  

APPROVED October 7, 2011  

UISG PRESIDENT  
Elliot W. Higgins
UNIVERSITY OF IOWA STUDENT GOVERNMENT
Student Senate

Creation of the Lecture Committee Selection Committee
Student Senate Bill 12
Submitted by: Speaker Pottebaum on behalf of President Higgins and Lecture Committee

Student Senate Action: Passed/Failed/Tabled
September 20, 2011

AN ACT, relating to the University of Iowa Presidential Charter Lecture Committee; and

WHEREAS, the official name of this legislation shall be the Creation and the Adoption of the Lecture Committee Selection Committee; and

WHEREAS, President Higgins, Vice President Caplin, Speaker Pottebaum, ECGPS Executive Officer Carr met with now former Lecture Committee Chair Zakir Durumeric and current Lecture Committee Chair David Zhang over Summer 2011 to consider reforms to how Lecture Committee members are selected; and

WHEREAS, it was desired by all stakeholders that reform to the selection of Lecture Committee members was needed; and

WHEREAS, many ideas for how to best select Lecture Committee members through the annual Nominations Committee process in March were considered; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the University of Iowa Student Government creates the Lecture Committee Selection Committee, which will coincide with the Nominations Committee annual process each Spring Semester; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the University of Iowa Student Government adopts the Lecture Committee Selections Committee By-Laws which prescribe the processes and timeline to how Lecture Committee members are selected in the future; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Lecture Committee Selection Committee be composed of eight members (seven total votes): one graduate student and one professional student each from ECGPS, four undergraduate students from UISG, and two Lecture Committee members with one vote; and

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

SPEAKER OF THE SENATE
Nicholas D. Pottebaum

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE
Jessica H. Tobin

I hereby attest and certify that this bill originated in the University of Iowa Student Government (UISG) during the 2011-2012 Student Senate Session and is known as S.S.Bill – 12

APPROVED October 7, 2011

UISG PRESIDENT
Elliot W. Higgins
UNIVERSITY OF IOWA STUDENT GOVERNMENT
Student Senate

Student Senate Committee Assignments
Student Senate Bill 13
Submitted by: Speaker Pottebaum

Student Senate Action: Passed/Failed/Tabled

September 20, 2011

AN ACT, relating to membership of Student Senate committees; and

WHEREAS, the official name of this legislation shall be Student Senate Committee Assignments; and

WHEREAS, the Speaker meet with all Senator’s being placed on a UISG Senate Committee to gather interests for the coming year in Senate, goals, and committees each Senator would like to be on; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the University of Iowa Student Government (UISG) Governing By-Laws 2.2.9 the Speaker shall appoint all committee members with advice and consent of the Senate requiring an affirmative majority vote of seated senators, unless otherwise noted; and

WHEREAS, the Speaker would encourage the approval of the recommended membership; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Student Senate shall consider the following person(s) for membership; and

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ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
✓ Orin Xie

GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
✓ Christian Copple

DIVERSITY
✓ Anthony Ferguson
✓ Christian Copple
✓ Abdullah Mansour
✓ Taylor Peterson

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the UISG shall entrust to these representative(s) to be objective and un-bias in representing the students of the University of Iowa;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, and we endorse these person(s) who are qualified in merit to represent the UISG to the best of their abilities;
SO BE IT ENACTED, by the University of Iowa Student Government.

SPEAKER OF THE SENATE
Nicholas D. Porrebaum

I hereby attest and certify that this bill originated in the University of Iowa Student Government (UISG) during the 2011-2012 Student Senate Session and is known as SS-Bill - 13

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE
Jessica H. Tobin

APPROVED October 7, 2011

UISG PRESIDENT
Elliot W. Higgins
UNIVERSITY OF IOWA STUDENT GOVERNMENT
Student Senate

SABAC Supplemental I Funding
Student Senate Bill 14
Submitted by: SABAC Chair Westercamp on behalf of SABAC
Student Senate Action: Passed/Failed/Tabled
September 20, 2011

AN ACT, relating to the adoption of Student Assembly Budgeting Allocating Committee's (SABAC) recommendation for the allocation of Student Activity Fee monies; and

WHEREAS, the official name of this legislation shall be Student Organization Supplement I Funding; and

WHEREAS, as of Friday, September 16th @ 5:00pm submissions were due to the Student Assembly Budgeting & Allocating Committee (SABAC) digital database (OrgSync) in order to receive funding; and

WHEREAS, the SABAC convened pursuant to adjournment on Sunday, September 18, 2011 at 4:07 PM in Room 245 of the Iowa Memorial Union to deliberate over fee allocations; and

WHEREAS, the Committee initially budgeted and allocated consistent with the Student Government@U1 Constitution and SABAC Budgeting By-Laws until 8:17 PM; and

WHEREAS, the Committee made thoughtful, objective, fair and consistent appropriations and decided to award nearly $163,449.05 to various Student Organizations; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the SABAC Committee pursuant to the Governing By-Laws of the UISG 2.1.2 and 2.6.1.12 the SABAC membership would encourage the approval of the Student Senate of the recommendation(s) as set forth in the informational packets provided; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Senate would direct the SABAC Chair to prepare necessary information and documents for dissemination and execution by the Chief Financial Officer if the UISG President does not further object to the adoption of the resolution pursuant to procedures outline in the Governing By-Laws 3.4.1 specifically 3.4.1.2.2.

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

I hereby attest and certify that this bill originated in the University of Iowa Student Government (UISG) during the 2011-2012 Student Senate Session and is known as SS-Bill – 14

APPROVED October 7, 2011

SPEAKER OF THE SENATE
Nicholas D. Potthbaum

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE
Jessica H. Tobin

UISG PRESIDENT
Elliot W. Higgins
UNIVERSITY OF IOWA STUDENT GOVERNMENT
Student Senate

Appointment of President Charter, all-University Committee Members, Student Judicial Court, and the Student Elections Board Commissioner

Student Senate Bill 15
Submitted by: Nominations Chair Sproul

Student Senate Action: Passed/Failed/Tabled
September 20, 2011

AN ACT, relating to the approval of the membership of the Appointment of President Charter, all-University Committee Members, Student Judicial Court, and the Student Elections Board Commissioner for the 2011-2012 school year; and

WHEREAS, the official name of this legislation shall be the Appointment of President Charter, all-University Committee Members, Student Judicial Court, and the Student Elections Board Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, the Nominations Committee convened on Sunday, September 18, 2011 to fill vacancies; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Governing By-Laws of the University of Iowa Student Government 2.6.1.2 the Senate shall retain the power to approve or reject appointments to Senate committees, the Cabinet, commission boards, or other recommendations by the Nominations Committee by an affirmative majority vote of seated senators unless otherwise stated in these By-Laws, and

WHEREAS, the Senate Nominations Committee would encourage the approval of the Student Senate for recommendations; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Student Senate shall consider the following person(s) for immediate membership; and

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Family Issues
Chrystol (Millie) Heuer (Undergraduate Student)
Bridget Dowd (Graduate Student)
Michele Armststrong (Professional Student)

Financial Aid Advisory
Jay Brown (Undergraduate Student)
Annah Vollstedt (Professional Student)

Rancher
Joelle Brown (Undergraduate Student)
David Brauer (Professional Student)

IMU
Jeff Cook (Professional Student)

Recreational Services
Eric Hassey (Graduate Student)

Student Health Services
Kavin Sundaram (Undergraduate Student)
Karly Wallace (Graduate Student)
THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, University of Iowa Student Government fully endorses Raj Patel in the Iowa City City Council primary election, October 11, 2011, and in the Iowa City City Council general election, November 8, 2011; and

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

SPEAKER OF THE SENATE
Nicholas D. Pottebaum

I hereby attest and certify that this bill originated in the University of Iowa Student Government (UISG) during the 2011-2012 Student Senate Session and is known as SS-Resolution – 17

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE
Jessica H. Tobin

APPROVED  October 7, 2011

UISG PRESIDENT
Elliot W. Higgins
University Safety and Security  
Kristopher Hasstedt (Professional Student)

Student Elections Board  
Jin (Jasmine) Dian

Student Judicial Court  
Brigid O’Keeffe (Undergraduate Student)  
Amy Dalkof (Undergraduate Student)  
Andrew Birschbach (Undergraduate Student)  
Hyder Chowdhry (Undergraduate Student)  
Andrew Koons (Graduate Student)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the UISG shall entrust to these representative(s) to be objective and un-bias in representing the students of the University of Iowa;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, and we endorse these person(s) who are qualified in merit to represent the UISG to the best of their abilities; and

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

SPEAKER OF THE SENATE  
Nicholas D. Poucbaum

I hereby attest and certify that this bill originated in the University of Iowa Student Government (UISG) during the 2011-2012 Student Senate Session and is known as SS-Bill-15

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE  
Jessica H. Tobin

APPROVED October 7, 2011  

UISG PRESIDENT  
Elliot W. Higgins
UNIVERSITY OF IOWA STUDENT GOVERNMENT
Student Senate

Big Ten Sportsmanship and Spirit Agreement
Student Senate Resolution 16
Submitted by: Speaker Pottebaum on behalf of President Higgins

Student Senate Action: Passed/Failed/Tabled
September 20, 2011

AN ACT, relating to the Big Ten Sportsmanship and Spirit Fan Conference and the Big Ten Sportsmanship and Spirit Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the official name of this legislation shall be Big Ten Sportsmanship and Spirit Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the University of Iowa hosted the Big Ten Sportsmanship and Spirit Fan Conference in July 2011 with representatives from 10 of the 12 Big Ten universities; and

WHEREAS, President Higgins and Vice President Caplin participated in the conference along with Center for Student Involvement representatives and Hawks Nest members; and

WHEREAS, President Higgins, Vice President Caplin, and Speaker Pottebaum participated in the Associated Big Ten Conference (AB10) in August 2011 where 11 of the 12 Big Ten universities in attendance passed an endorsement of the agreement unanimously; and

WHEREAS, the agreement states, “We [the Big Ten] strive to create a respectful and enjoyable environment for all fans, student-athletes, coaches, staff, and officials while maintaining a competitive spirit and exhibiting positive sportsmanship”; and

WHEREAS, Hawks Nest President Kevin Velovitch and Vice President Whalen gave a presentation at the September 13th Joint UISG-ECGPS Meeting to further discuss the conference and the agreement; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the University of Iowa Student Government fully endorses the Big Ten Sportsmanship and Spirit Fan Agreement; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the University of Iowa Student Government will work with Hawks Nest, the University of Iowa Athletic Department, the Big Ten Conference, and other Big Ten Student Governments and fan organizations to publicize and promote the agreement on campus and at athletic competitions; and

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

I hereby attest and certify that this bill originated in the University of Iowa Student Government (UISG) during the 2011-2012 Student Senate Session and is known as SS-Resolution –16

SPEAKER OF THE SENATE
Nicholas D. Pottebaum

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE
Jessica H. Tobin

APPROVED October 7, 2011

UISG PRESIDENT
Elliot W. Higgins
A.) Call Meeting to Order

B.) Quorum Call – Roll Call

C.) Public Access (7:02)

   ✓ Ponseti Races – Scot McKeag
     Ponseti Races a charity race that raises money for research of clubfeet. This is the third year and they are trying to get a huge student outreach. The event is Sunday October 1st starting at 9AM. It is a 5/10K walk or run. It is a $25 registration fee which this includes a shirt (not guaranteed). Their funding was cut short this year so there will no be team victory dinner. This years race is in honor of the Caroline Found family. Uiortho.com/races is the home page where anyone interested can register. There is also a Facebook page.

   ✓ Mock Trial – Katy Kinney
     Mock Trial didn’t submit a budget to SABAC due to communication problems. Mock trial is a competitive organization in which they try a fictional trial in front of a jury. They collaborate with Iowa Law students and some coaching staff. This gives a lot of good press for The University. They are ranked as a top two public university. There are three tournaments for this supplemental funding period that they would like to go to. A lot of students attend each tournament. Kinney asked Senate to please consider funding mock trial’s requests.

D.) Presentations (7:11)

   ✓ Student Legal Services – Greg Bal
     SLS is located in the IMU. They represent all enrolled students from the University. They are not able to work on felony cases but they still assist them, and/or send them to the right resources. They handle criminal law, especially PAULAs, landlord/tenant issues and other cases. Each year outreach is increased. They do not represent students in cases against the University or students against students.

   ✓ Office of the Ombudsman Annual Report Presentation -- Cynthia Joyce and Susan Johnson
     Office of the Ombudsman helps with any problem on campus either through direct intervention or through coaching. They abide by four principals: informality, confidentiality, neutrality and independence. Their office is located in Seashore Hall room C108.
Results from Annual Report: They served 501 visitors. 159 were students and 76 were graduates. The primary visitor concerns for undergraduates were problems with faculty members, problems with services and administration, safety/health/environment. They see more minorities and women than are represented on campus. About ten percent of complaints deal with discrimination or harassment. Every year they select one or more issues to bring to campus. This year they looked over their reports and have decided to bring up problems that have persisted over the years. Sexual harassment is a serious issue that they have made great strides in over the past 25 years. They are available to give workshops on conflict management to any group on campus. They send out a survey of every visitor to their office and about 80% of the visitors are satisfied with their experience.

✓ Project MAUI (Made At the University of Iowa) Presentation
MAUI, ISIS and ICON are three separate programs. MAUI is the administration face to student records. ISIS is the student portal. The existing system is about 30 years old, which they are making more contemporary. They have been improving functionality incrementally. On the first day of classes they changed the ISIS interface and the mobile ISIS format. They are going to finish phase one of MAUI this fall, then they will be able to retire the existing inter-phase MAUI runs on currently. Once the sites are finished students will be able to do some really cool things. They are making a lot of upgrades to the class registration site. They are redesigning the transcript to make it much more readable. They are changing the site to make prerequisites more readable. A student planning initiative will be put into place soon. They will be implementing and electronic drop/add. They would like student feedback in terms of what students would like to see and what is valuable to them.

MAUI demonstration.

E.) Old Business (7:46)
F.) New Business (7:46)

✓ S.S.B. 8 - Dissolution of SEB and the Creation of the SEB Commissioner

President Higgins spoke. He said it was difficult to get the group to meet. The primary function was to oversee elections but it was difficult to get the board to meet for only a couple months out of the year. The board was also insufficient because all complaints had to be discussed as a whole, when a lot of the decisions are simple decisions. In the past the SEB Commissioner was a paid position but the board was not. This is not an active intervention on behalf of UISG exec. A senator contacted UISG with the complaint were spurred the change.

Discussion: None
Motion to Previous Question: Senator Kothari
Second: Senator Moffit
Vote on S.S.B.8 –Dissolution of SEB and the Creation of the SEB Commissioner: passed unanimously

✓ S.S.B. 9 - UISG Constitution Revisions

Speaker Pottebaum spoke about the revisions. This is an annual review. The changes were all minor. All senators received the constitution 30 days prior to meeting.

Discussion: None
Motioned to Previous Question: Senator Mafoua-Namy
Second: Senator VanZant
Vote on S.S.B. 9 – UISG Constitution Revisions: Passed Unanimously

✓ S.S.B. 10 - UISG By-Laws Revisions
Speaker Pottebaum spoke about the revisions. The By-Laws reference a lot of the things Senate does. They made revisions to Senate with the creation of the sustainability committee. The Exec board is different from the previous years with the addition of the Sustainability and Diversity advocate. Previously there was a Rules and Administration Committee but it wasn’t very clear so now all complaints and problems will be taken through SJC. All other changes were minor or terminology changes.

Discussion: Senator Van Zant asked if the By-Laws were online; Speaker Pottebaum said they were not.

Motion to Previous Question: Senator VanZant
Second: Senator Kothari
Vote on S.S.B. 10—UISGH By-Laws Revisions: Passed Unanimously

✓ S.S.B. 11 - Student Judicial Court Reform

Speaker Pottebaum spoke on behalf of Chief Justice Inani, who came forth asking for more authority. The idea they came up with was the parking committee; the new changes moves traffic court to SJC to give them more authority. There will be monthly meetings to appeal parking tickets. With the revisions SJC will have more authority and if there is a case SJC will have more of a formal role.

Discussion: None
Motion to Previous Question: Senator Kothari
Second: Troldahl
Vote on S.S.B. 11-Student Judicial Court Reform

✓ S.S.B. 12 - Creation of the Lecture Committee Selection Committee

David Zhang, chair of lecture committee spoke. Lecture committee is a presidential charter committee that brings in 6-10 speakers throughout the year. The selection process has been a little bit problematic in the past. Sometimes there are members who are not a good fit for the committee. There is no feedback mechanism. The constitution for the committee as a whole is not up to par. They not only vote on the speakers but they run the event. They want student who have experience with event planning and management and also students from every grade. Many charter committees have open slots but there is not a process to fill those spots throughout the year. This legislation addresses all of the issues. They would like to have election committee member who are not up for reelection on the selection committee. These members only have one vote. This enables the committee to have a voice but still allow UISG to keep its power.

Chief Financial Officer Cornally asked if there is going to be a standard set of questions. Lecture Committee Chair Zhang said they are sticking with the same questions but adding a couple new ones.

Discussion: None
Motioned to Previous Question: Senator Jiang
Second: Senator Troldahl
Vote on S.S.B. 12—Creation of the Lecture Committee Selection Committee: Passes Unanimously

✓ S.S.B. 13 - Senator Committee Assignments

Speaker Pottebaum spoke. He said additional senators joined this year and at the end of last year. This is just placing senators on committees.

Discussion: None
Motion to Previous Question: Senator Troldahl
Second: Senator Riffel
Vote on S.S.B. 13—Senator Committee Assignments

✓ S.S.B. 14 - SABAC Supplemental I Budget

Senator Westercamp said SABAC considered each budget request. SABAC uses a set of standards to ensure a fair allocation of funds. Standards are used for every request. Her personal recommendation is to fund Mock Trial at max funding standards. For Mock trial SABAC can give $2,370 for the first trip, $1,750 for the second trip, and $1,570.90 for the third trip per funding standards. The standard for trips is $100 per fifteen people and after that it is $50 for
each person. The total budget is $163,449. Chief Financial Officer Cornally reviewed how to motion for the appeal. The appeal will be included in the total funded.

Discussion: Senator Vanzant motioned to fund mock trial at funding standards. (2,370.13 for first trip, 1,750 for second trip, 1057.90 for the third trip. New Total is: 168,627.08) Second: Senator Sturtz.

Discussion on Amendment Made by Senator VanZant: None
Motioned to Previous Question: Senator Troldahl
Second: Senator VanZant
Vote on Amendment Made by Senator VanZant: Passes unanimously

Discussion On Legislation: Senator Sproul asked what Nathe Roho is. CFO Cornally said it is a singing and dancing event that is extremely well attended.
Motioned to Previous Question: Senator Kothari
Second: Senator Troldahl
Vote on S.S.B 14 SABAC Supplemental I Budget: Passes Unanimously

✓ S.S.B. 15 - Charter Committee Appointments

Senator Sproul said there was a review of all committees. They interviewed people all day to fill specific spots.

Discussion: Pottebaum motioned to make a friendly amendment to move Jasmine under Student Judicial Board. Senator Sproul accepted the friendly amendment.

Motioned to Previous Question: Senator Horsfield
Second: Senator VanZant
Vote on S.S.B. 15—Charter Committee Appointments: Passes Unanimously

✓ S.S.R. 16 - Big Ten Sportsmanship & Spirit Agreement
Speaker Pottebaum said this Agreement was presented last week. A conference this summer came up with this agreement. Many other BIG 10 schools have passed this Agreement and posted it around their campus.

Discussion: Senator Horsfield asked if the spelling error would be fixed. Speaker Pottebaum said it will be fixed, it was actually an image error. Dr. Nelson added that the significance of this is that it was done exclusively by students, which is unique to the big ten.

Motion to Previous Question: Senator Moffit
Second: Horsfield
Vote on S.S.R. 16—Big Ten Sportsmanship & Spirit Agreement: Passes Unanimously

✓ S.S.R. 17 - Raj Patel for City Council Endorsement
Senator Riffel and VanZant presented. They said many students are very excited to have student voice on the Iowa City City Council. Raj Patel is the right student for City Council; he has done great things in his previous position as City Council Liaison. Senator Riffel said the student body makes up about half of the community but it has been 30 years since a student has been on City Council. It is UISG’s duty to represent the student body and this would be a big step towards doing so.

Discussion: Senator Moffit asked how long is each term; Senator VanZant responded 4 Years. Senator Phillips asked if another student is running. Senator VanZant answered that there is another student running; she is enrolled in one class. Senator Horsfield said he thinks that the other student candidate should be represented as well.

Senator Rolston stated that Raj has made negative remarks about the exec board and would have concern over supporting him.

Senator Moffit asked how many seats are open. Senator VanZant said 2 seats open
Senator Moffitt asked if UISG could support both students. Senator VanZant said UISG could support both students, but the other candidate has not reached out to students the way Raj Has.

Senator Mafoua-Namy asked if UISG support Raj, could it be hurting UISG’s image? Senator Riffel said this could help both UISG and Raj because it would show UISG that we have moved past the setbacks. It would show that UISG have chosen to be the bigger man and get past these conflicts. Senator Horsfield said that Raj has reached out to students but he has not come forth to speak at UISG. Ms. Pain might not be aware that she could reach out to UISG. Senator Sproul said, in a hypothetical situation, if you were running a campaign and spoke negative things about a business the business wouldn’t be inclined to support the candidate.

Senator Woodson asked if UISG said negative things back. President Higgins responded, he said the exec board suggested that Raj take a leave of absence. In the event that he doesn’t win, he could return but he decided to resign. UISG exec board believes it is critical to have a student on City Council, and thinks it is important to have someone on City Council that is an advocate for students. Vice President Caplin spoke on the issue. She said it was a “He said/she said” situation. Raj chose to go through the press to explain his said and in doing to made negative remarks. Navi and Kevin defended UISG in a later article.

Senator Rizor asked for more specifics about the comments each party made. Senator Vanzant said he was not expert on that controversy but this legislation is about the interests of the students. Senator Kothari asked about Raj’s platform. Senator VanZant said his platform is available on the website. He is working on student safety issues including lighting the streets, downtown safety, bringing in more businesses downtown. Senator Mafoua-Namy said would be more inclined to pass motioned if Raj comes in to speak to UISG and show his gratitude and present his platform.

Senator VanZant motioned to suspend rules to speak more that twice. Second: Kothari. Vote to Suspend Rule: Passes Unanimously

Senator Horsfield said he would like to send an invitation to Patel to speak about his platform. Would also like to take a look into the other student candidate.
Motioned to Previous Question: Horsfield
Second: Kothari

Discussion on Tabling the Legislation: Senator VanZant noted that primaries are coming up and it would be more beneficial to pass now.

Motioned to Previous Question: Senator Horsfield
Second: Senator Mafoua-Namy

Vote to table S.S.R 17—Raj Ratel for City Council Endorsement: Passes

G.) Reports (8:36)

✓ Advisor
Dr. Nelson invited all to annual leadership conference this Sunday.

✓ Executives
President Higgins said Cody Graham will now be the City Council Liaison. On Sunday UISG will be hosting the Meet the Neighbors Cookout. A student representative is still needed for the Excellence and Achievement of Women committee.

Vice President Caplin said the WingMan campaign is the college version of the buddy system that will be launched later this month.

Chief of Staff Navi Bajwa said if anyone is interested in working on Hawkeye Caucus contact him.
Student Organization Director Popham said the next UISG away tailgate is October 8th at 10:30.

Chief Financial Officer Cornally said if anyone has questions in regards to funding contact him.

Government Relations Liaison Valde said she is putting together a presentation to give in DC about student needs as tuition continues to arise and she is working to develop platform with other regent schools.

Sustainability Advocate Zlevor said she is working on putting in water bottle water fountains to reduce plastic waste and a recycling program on east side for ink cartridges and cell phones.

✓ Committee Chairs
No announcements.

H.) Announcements (8:49)
Committee meetings will be at regular scheduled times next week.
Legislation is due next Wednesday.
Senator VanZant said he has Patel shirts.

I.) Adjournment (8:50)
Motion to adjourn: Senator Horsfield
Second: Senator Sturtz