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 commend any faculty that adopt solutions from the Consortium, adopt and create Open Education Resources.

Section 1. Short Title

This act may be cited as “Unizin Consortium & Open Education Resources Resolution”

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

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

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

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

Whereas, the University of Iowa has joined the Unizin Consortium to generate solutions to these crisis’; and

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

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

Whereas, Unizin’s mission is to improve the learning experience by providing digital teaching and learning resources that improve access, affordability, economic sustainability and learner success. Whether it’s innovative ways to find and share digital content, delivering course materials more affordably, or providing insights to
help students succeed, Unizin is committed to improving the learning experience; and

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

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

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

Resolved,

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

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

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

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

____________________________________, Speaker of the Senate
Titus Hou

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

____________________________________, Secretary
Sheng Hao Lu

APPROVED on _____________, 2016

____________________________________, UISG President
Rachel Zuckerman