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 IMU, but this is not common knowledge as it is not well advertised; and

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

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

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

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

8 Whereas, compostable materials that are thrown in the trash are not able to properly decompose and are taken to a landfill and burned, emitting greenhouse gases into the atmosphere; and

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

10 Whereas, mandating that events at the IMU have composting is an important educational and operational step to make composting more prevalent throughout the University of Iowa because the IMU is the main hub for students and student organizations on campus: Now, therefore, be it
Resolved, the University of Iowa Student Government supports and fully encourages the IMU to require composting to be present at all events in the Iowa Memorial Union (if not only composting) to lead the campus in terms of composting; and, be it further

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

_______________________________, 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

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Rachel Zuckerman