A.) Call Meeting to Order

B.) Quorum Call – Roll Call

C.) Public Access

D.) Presentations

  ✓ Daily Iowan- Night Owl

E.) Recess to Caucus

F.) New Business

  ✓ S.S.B. 05 – Green Initiatives Fund Pilot Program and Committee
  ✓ S.S.B. 06 – Joint Finance Committee Operating Procedures Revisions and Updates
  ✓ S.S.B. 07 – UISG and ECGPS Joint Nominations Committee and Lecture Committee Selection Committee By-Law Revision Updates
  ✓ S.S.R. 02– Endorsing Presidential Charter and All-University Committee Nominations

G.) Reports

  ✓ Advisor
  ✓ Executive Reports
  ✓ Committee Chairs

H.) Announcements

  ✓ Next Committee Meetings on Tuesday, September 17 in 2520D UCC.
  ✓ New Senator Orientation on Sunday, October 13 at 1:00 PM

I.) Adjournment
UNIVERSITY OF IOWA STUDENT GOVERNMENT
Student Senate

Green Initiatives Fund Pilot Program and Committee
Student Senate Bill - 05
Submitted by: Senator Mather on behalf of Sustainability Liaison Ding

Student Senate Action: Passed/Failed/Tabled
Date: September 10, 2013

AN ACT, relating to a proposed fund that addresses the need for sustainability initiatives by the student body; and

WHEREAS, the official name of this legislation shall be Green Initiative Fund; and

WHEREAS, both UI Student Governments are committed to supporting the university’s mission of developing a more sustainable campus environment; and

WHEREAS, over the past several years, the number of student organizations engaged in sustainability-related projects have increased. To further encourage sustainability efforts on the part of students, additional opportunities should be provided for student organizations to seek and receive funding for sustainability-related projects and programs; and

WHEREAS, there are currently at least 41 colleges and universities which have funds dedicated to sustainability, including Harvard University, the University of California – Berkeley, and Vanderbilt University according to the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in High Education; and

WHEREAS, there are currently 16 groups committed to sustainability and have a multitude of planned projects for the future that would benefit greatly from the Green Initiatives Fund; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for a pilot program to determine the extent of the financial need towards student-led sustainable initiatives; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, UISG establishes a pilot program called the Green Initiative Fund to award student government funds to organizations for sustainability-related projects and programs; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the GIF pilot program shall be allocated $10,000 from the ECGPS Contingency account for use during FY14. UISG and ECGPS jointly agree to reimburse the ECGPS Contingency account this $10,000 allocation from the FY14 Collegiate Readership
Program (CRP) reversion before said reverted CRP funds are distributed to any other organization or entity; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the program will be administered by a joint committee of UISG and ECGPS, consisting of three undergraduate students appointed by UISG and two graduate/professional students appointed by ECGPS. One UISG appointee and one ECGPS appointee shall be designated co-chairs of the committee; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Green Initiatives Fund Committee shall have the authority to allocate the $10,000 provided to the Pilot Program with the following restrictions:

a) Only recognized UI student organizations are eligible to apply for or receive GIF funding
b) A student organization is required to submit a detailed outline of the proposed project including the name of the sponsor and a timeline of the funding needed and a faculty or University of Iowa staff contact endorsement of the project
c) All allocations from the GIF pilot program will expire and be returned to GIF at the end of FY2014, unless UISG and ECGPS jointly grant an extension
d) Funding shall be restricted to programs or projects that have a tangible impact on the sustainability of the University of Iowa campus and/or community defined by three elements:
   i) The ability to meet the needs of the present without compromising the needs of the future
   ii) The improvement of the quality of life while living within the carrying capacity of Earth’s ecosystems
   iii) The stabilization of the relationship between humans and the natural world
e) Allocations will be determined on the basis of simple majority
f) Decisions made by the GIF Committee can be contested by student organizations by making their case directly to UISG and ECGPS. UISG and ECGPS shall retain the right to overrule the GIF committee and make allocations from the GIF Pilot Program; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the GIF Committee co-chairs shall present a report on the outcomes of the pilot program at the beginning of April, 2014. UISG and ECGPS shall then determine if GIF should be made a permanent program.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, UISG hereby endorses and establishes a Green Initiatives Fund pilot program to advance the student body’s efforts to achieve the 2020 Vision for Sustainability.

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

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SPEAKER OF THE SENATE
Saranya Subramanian

I hereby attest and certify that this bill originated in the University of Iowa Student Government (UISG) during the 2012-2013 Student Senate Session and is known as SS-Bill-05
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UISG PRESIDENT
Katherine Valde

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE
Casandra Crose
AN ACT, relating to the updates and revisions to the University of Iowa Student Government Joint Finance Committee Operating Procedures; and

WHEREAS, the official name of this legislation shall be the Joint Finance Committee Operating Procedures Revisions and Updates; and

WHEREAS, President Valde, Vice President Cumming, Chief of Staff DeBettignies, CFO Turner, President Gillig, Vice President Enriquez, and GPAC Chair Parker met over summer 2013 to consider revisions and updates to reflect the current structure of the UISG Joint Finance Committee procedures; and

WHEREAS, to ensure the further efficient operation of these committees, we recommend that the following changes be made to the committees’ by-laws; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) is a joint committee of UISG and ECGPS, which administers several aspects of student organization funding; and

WHEREAS, in September 2012 significant changes were made to the JFC Operating Procedures; and

WHEREAS, now one year following those revisions, the officers responsible for administering student organization funding have proposed several revisions to the JFC Operating Procedures to correct the inefficiencies and procedural ambiguities of the system adopted a year ago. Those proposed changes are as follows; and

WHEREAS, Section 1: Definitions (p. 2) add “Student Government Executives: this term shall refer to an ad hoc working group consisting of the President, Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, and SABAC Chair of UISG and the President, Vice President, Executive Officer, and Budget Director/GPAC Chair of ECGPS”; and

WHEREAS, Section 1: Definitions (p. 2) add “Joint Resolution: this term shall refer to a legislative resolution passed jointly by ECGPS and UISG according to their respective legislative processes and procedures; and
WHEREAS, Section II.a.v.3: Ex-Officio members (p.3) delete “Treasurer and/or” the resulting ex-officio title will be “ECGPS Executive Officer”; and

WHEREAS, Section III.a.1: Recognition and Renewal Timeline (p.4) replace the existing section with the following: “The JFC co-chairs shall publish forms for CFO recognition and renewal by October 1 of each Fall semester in which the currently recognized CFOs are due to apply for renewal.”; and

WHEREAS, Section III.a.2: Review of Applications (p. 4) add new point before point 3: “The JFC co-chairs shall invite applicants for CFO recognition and renewal to appear at the meeting and make brief comments on the merits of their applications and take questions from JFC members.”; and

WHEREAS, Section III.d: Fail Mechanism for CFO Recognition/Renewal (p.5) replace existing section with the following: “Recognition/renewal of student organizations as CFOs shall be made by Joint Resolution of UISG and ECGPS. In the event either of the student governments fails to pass the recognition/renewal resolution presented by the JFC, the Student Government Executives shall meet and make any changes to the Joint Resolution that are necessary and proper to encourage its passage. Any changes to the JFC’s original Joint Resolution shall be made by consensus of the Student Government Executives. After the Student Government Executives have agreed, the Joint Resolution shall be returned for approval by UISG and ECGPS, even if all of the JFC’s original recommendations remain intact. Failure to pass the Joint Resolution by either government shall refer the entire matter to the Student Activity Fee Committee for final determination. SAFC decisions are not subject to appeal.”; and

WHEREAS, Section IV.b.ii: Fiscal Year Meetings (p.6) replace existing sections with the following: “JFC co-chairs shall convene a meeting to review CFO fiscal year budgets. The JFC co-chairs shall invite representations from CFOs to appear at the meeting and make brief comments on the merits of their applications and take questions from JFC members. CFO fiscal year recommendations shall be transmitted to UISG and ECGPS.”; and

WHEREAS, Section IV.b.iii.(2): CFO Fiscal Year Cap (p.6) replace existing section with the following: “The cap shall be set in a manner that reflects the current financial health of the university, the current and projected levels of Student Activity Fee revenue, and the number of organizations recognized as CFOs. The cap shall be set according to the following formula: the previous fiscal year’s CFO cap plus or minus the percentage change in the SAF revenue (as approved by the Regents), plus the three-fiscal year weighted average (with the third year receiving the greatest weight) of the approved allocations of any newly recognized CFOs, minus the current fiscal year allocation of any CFO that loses recognition. The cap shall act as a ceiling; the JFC is not obligated to fund up to the cap.”; and

WHEREAS, Section IV.b.iii.(3) Setting of FY Budget Cap (p.6) replace existing section with the following: “The cap shall be calculated, certified, and enforced by the Student Government Leaders in consultation with the Office of the Vice President for Student Life, the Director of the Center for Student Involvement and Leadership, and other relevant university administrators.”; and

WHEREAS, Section IV.c: Fail Mechanism for JFC Student Activity Fee Allocations (p.6) replace existing section with the following: “Allocation of Student Activity Fees shall be made by Joint Resolution of UISG and ECGPS. In the event either of the student governments fails to pass the
allocation resolution presented by the JFC, the Student Government Executives shall meet and make any changes to the Joint Resolution that are necessary and proper to encourage its passage. Any changes to the JFC's original Joint Resolution shall be made by consensus of the Student Government Executives. After the Student Government Executives have agreed, the Joint Resolution shall be returned for approval by UISG and ECGPS, even if all of the JFC's original recommendations remain intact. Failure to pass the Joint Resolution by either government shall refer the entire matter to the Student Activity Fee Committee for final determination. SAFC decisions are not subject to appeal.”; and

WHEREAS, Section VI.a.vii: Public Disclosure Requirements (p.8) replace “SG@UI Finance Committee” with “JFC”; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the University of Iowa Student Government adopt and adhere to the Joint Finance Committee Operating Procedures Revisions and Updates by-laws effective immediately; and

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

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SPEAKER OF THE SENATE
Saranya Subramanian

I hereby attest and certify that this bill originated in the University of Iowa Student Government (UISG) during the 2013-2014 Student Senate Session and is known as SS - Bill - 06

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UISG PRESIDENT
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UNIVERSITY OF IOWA STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Student Senate

UISG and ECGPS Joint Nominations Committee and Lecture Committee Selection Committee By-Law Revision Updates

Student Senate Bill 07

Submitted by: Speaker Subramanian on behalf of President Valde

Student Senate Action: Passed/Failed/Tabled

Date: September 10, 2013

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AN ACT, relating to the updates and revisions to the University of Iowa Student Government Joint Nominations Committee and Lecture Committee Selection Committee By-Laws; and

WHEREAS, the official name of this legislation shall be the UISG and ECGPS Joint Nominations Committee and Lecture Committee Selection Committee By-Laws Revision Updates; and

WHEREAS, President Valde, Vice President Cumming, Chief of Staff DeBetignies, CFO Turner, President Gillig, Vice President Enriquez, and GPAC Chair Parker met over summer 2013 to consider revisions and updates to reflect the current structure of the UISG and ECGPS Joint Nominations Committee and Lecture Committee Selection Committee by-laws updates; and

WHEREAS, to ensure the further efficient operation of these committees, we recommend that the following changes be made to the committees’ by-laws; and

WHEREAS, Section 1.2: Fall Timeline shall be deleted

WHEREAS, Section 8.2: Vacancy Recruitment and Approval shall be replaced. The new section shall read as follows: “For Committees with student vacancies after the late spring appointments, committee chairs for Student Judicial Court, All-University Committees, and Presidential Charter Committees have the responsibility of contacting both the UISG and ECGPS presidents for recruitment of students to serve on their respective Committees. Students who are recruited to serve by the presidents shall be officially nominated by the presidents, and the nominations forwarded to UISG and ECGPS for confirmation according to each governments respective by-laws/charter”; and

WHEREAS, Appendix III: Student Elections Board shall be retitled “Students Election Commissioner (1 position)”; and

WHEREAS, Appendix III: Student Judicial Board shall be retitled “Student Judicial Court (7 positions)”. Additionally, references in this section to “SEB” shall be replaced with “SEC”; and
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the University of Iowa Student Government adopt and adhere to the UISG and ECGPS Joint Nominations Committee and Lecture Committee Selection Committee by-laws effective immediately; and

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

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SPEAKER OF THE SENATE
Saranya Subramanian

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