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THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA STUDENT GOVERNMENT: OUR MISSION

MISSION STATEMENT

The University of Iowa Student Government (UISG) exists to represent, serve, and empower all University of Iowa undergraduate students. As a valued member of University Shared Governance, we offer input and guidance to staff, faculty, and administrators on issues that matter to students and act as the official student voice to the Board of Regents, the State of Iowa, and local and federal legislators. We also allocate the Student Activity Fee to organizations, services, and initiatives on campus that serve students. UISG listens to the diverse needs, concerns, and perspectives of the student body and constantly strives to respond with solutions that foster a better community for student living and learning.

VALUES

ADVOCACY

UISG works to amplify the student voice to University of Iowa staff, faculty, and administrators, as well as the Board of Regents, the State of Iowa, and the nation. We strive to acknowledge and honor the diverse needs, concerns, and perspectives of students as we advocate for the collective good of the student body.

COLLABORATION

UISG values the multitude of individuals and organizations that contribute to the well-being of our diverse university community. We believe that building relationships and coalitions among these stakeholders - including local, state, and national partners - furthers our collective mission.

COMMUNITY

UISG is dedicated to a sense of community by: developing relationships, listening and responding to student concerns, sharing information and resources, and creating opportunities to contribute to the Hawkeye community.

PRODUCTIVITY

UISG is committed to producing quality results for students in a timely manner. We strive to foster a results-oriented organizational culture that ensures we effectively respond to the needs of all students.

EQUITY

UISG will use its privilege as a representative body to create change that benefits and empowers all students. We recognize the historic and current marginalization and oppression of many identities within our university community and across the world, and we will strive to include those identities through active engagement. The pursuit of justice and equity must always guide our work.

INNOVATION

UISG will approach issues in thoughtful and innovative ways, and we will build on the progress of past student leaders. We will advocate for evidence-based, sustainable solutions to student issues.

INTEGRITY

All of UISG's work should be accomplished in the most honest, transparent, and ethical manner possible.

MEET

UISG

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

The Executive Branch serves students as direct advocates with administration, within the community, and at the state and federal levels. Executives are charged with completing specific platform initiatives, resolving campus issues, and representing students through completed projects.

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SENATE COMMITTEES

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

This committee is charged with identifying the needs of students as they relate to academics. This includes but is not limited to scholarships, classroom procedures, relationships among administration and students, class offerings, research opportunities, and test preparation. This committee often works closely with the General Education Curriculum Committee and the Undergraduate Educational Policy and Curriculum Committee – both within the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences – and with the Office of the Provost.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

The External Affairs Committee works to engage the University of Iowa and Iowa City communities in projects that benefit both groups while spreading awareness of UISG and student activities. The committee hosts events to engage students and let them know what's happening on campus. This committee also creates volunteer events that all senators can participate in.

JUSTICE & EQUITY

The Justice and Equity Committee works to create a campus environment that is welcoming and inclusive to all University of Iowa students. This committee works to magnify the voices of underrepresented and historically marginalized populations by listening to student concerns, building partnerships across campus, and creating initiatives and campaigns that improve the campus climate surrounding matters of justice and equity.

GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONALS

The Governmental Relations Committee works to advocate for student interests in the local, state, and federal governments as well as encourage participation in governmental elections. Members of this committee register students to vote in Johnson County, organize events such as debate watch parties, and partner with Hawkeye Caucus to meet with state legislators in Des Moines.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

The Internal Affairs committee assists in the management of the Student Senate. One of the primary responsibilities includes soliciting and reviewing applications for membership in UISG and Presidential Charter Committees as well as conducting interviews for those positions. Other responsibilities include but are not limited to: coordinating appeal's processes when members of UISG are removed from office and reviewing and updating our bylaws and constitution. This committee often works with the Speaker of the Senate, the Secretary, and the Student Judicial Branch.

HEALTH & SAFETY

The Health & Safety Committee works to provide students with resources, programming, and information relating to health and safety concerns at the University of Iowa. This committee often works with the City of Iowa City to complete initiatives dealing with safe transportation, living environments, and experiences downtown. This committee also frequently works with various offices on campus and around Iowa City that handle issues of health and safety – University Counseling Services, Rape Victim and Advocacy Program, Women's Resource and Action Center, residence hall staff, and others.

SABAC

“SABAC” stands for Student Auditing Budgeting and Allocations Committee. The committee's main responsibility is managing funds provided by the Student Activities Fee. SABAC directly oversees allocations to commonly registered student organizations and jointly approves with GPAC budgeting proposals from Collaboratively Funded Organizations (CFOs). Aside from annual allocations, the committee reviews any funding request to Senate above \$1,500 and works with CFO of UISG to manage the Contingency Account.

STUDENT LIFE

The Student Life Committee works to foster an enriched student life by developing initiatives designed to address student interests, needs, or concerns. This committee works on a wide range of issues from providing access common resources (umbrellas and chargers) to advocating for, and trying to secure, affordable food and housing for all students. This committee works on anything aimed at improving the day-to-day experience of the undergraduate student body.

SUSTAINABILITY

The Sustainability Committee is responsible for coordinating the sustainability projects and general environmental awareness efforts at the University of Iowa. The Green Initiatives Fund is allocated by this committee to fund sustainability-oriented events and projects.

PROGRESS & INITIATIVES

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

ITS AFFORDABLE CONTENT

Description: Delivery of Textbooks and course materials through ICON (ICON Direct).

UISG Members Involved: Tristan Schmidt

Progress/Notes: In tandem with Sustainability ICON Direct rolling out; Legislation tentatively completed waiting on presentation to Senate.

TEXTBOOK DONATION DRIVE

Description: Textbook Affordability Pilot (TAP) committee working on textbook donation drive and allocating and review of texts entering to course reserves as well contacting instructors about textbook affordability initiatives .

UISG Members Involved: Tristan Schmidt

Progress/Notes: TAP committee working on sorting through collected items. UISG website tab for course reserves details being discussed and proposed by TAP in collaboration with UISG delegate. Working on creating feedback form for course reserves pilot to assess possible funding legislation in the spring semester. TAP also receive book list from Iowa Hawk Shop and preparing to purchase texts.

SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION ADVOCACY

Description: Advocating for increased resource allocation to Supplemental Instruction as well campus and state awareness of academic services.

UISG Members Involved: Tristan Schmidt

Progress/Notes: Discussing joint statement with Director of Academic Affairs at ISU; reaching out to UNI to find suitable counterpart (they do not have an Academic Affairs position)

ACADEMIC COMPLAINT FORM

Description: Develop a form for students to report policy violations by professors and teaching assistants, such as syllabus violations and inconsistent classroom expectations .

UISG Members Involved: Guowei Qi

Progress/Notes: Researching potential benefits of a form like this, looking into whether peer institutions have this.

UNIVERSAL ABSENCE POLICY

Description: Create a University-wide policy for short-term health-related absences.

UISG Members Involved: Guowei Qi

Progress/Notes: Reaching out to Kathy Hall and Helena Dettmer about the status of this project after Hira presented to UEPC last year.

SDS ACCOMMODATIONS

Description: Working with SDS to work on how academic accommodations for students with learning, psychological, and/or medical disabilities in the classroom.

UISG Members Involved: Tristan Schmidt, Emmalyn Brown

Progress/Notes: Setting up meeting time with Office of the Provost to discuss.

VETERAN ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Description: Creating and providing more support to veterans in academic programming; reframing veteran identity within academia and assessing future initiatives

UISG Members Involved: Tristan Schmidt

Progress/Notes: Work with External Affairs to have senator or two go to University of Iowa Veteran Association meetings to explain funding processes; Work with Matthew Miller to discuss First Generation Summit involvement.

EXTERNAL RELATIONS

IMPROVING SENATE MEETING ENGAGEMENT

Description: Proposing legislation to increase transparency with UISG and the student body. Have texting updates of what is being discussed and debated in UISG, livestream every senate meeting, and releasing surveys for the student body. Creating an open and honest dialogue by producing an online platform where students can give their opinions about problems and legislation.

UISG Members Involved: Herbert Meisner

Progress/Notes: Herbert Meisner is getting a group of Senators together to draft legislation that would make Senate Meetings easier to engage with for students.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION ENGAGEMENT

Description: Have all senators reach out to student organizations, and be assigned to be in constant communication to these organizations. Keep organizations updated on funding opportunities voter registration, as well as taking concerns that members of the student organizations have.

UISG Members Involved: Herbert Meisner, John Woodruff

Progress/Notes: Matching Senators with Student Organizations

CONSTITUENCY ROUNDTABLES

Description: UISG Constituency senators will host monthly roundtables with their respective constituents at cultural centers, resource centers, or other available locations for the community to discuss issues they face. Through this initiative, UISG will provide another outlet for constituents to have their voices heard

UISG Members Involved: Colin Lakadat

Progress/Notes: Colin Lakadat is currently looking into queer student organization leadership to set things up.

IOWA IDEAS (CAMPUS IDEAS COMMONSPACE)

Description: Iowa Ideas is a crowd-sourced idea generation site, which functions as a commonspace for ideas to be shared to improve the University of Iowa. Anyone affiliated with the University of Iowa can contribute ideas to the site and vote and share others ideas.

UISG Members Involved: Kyle Scheer, Jacob Heid

Progress/Notes: The ITS Enterprise Services team has the website in development. It should be released to the public by the end of the fall semester at the latest.

IMPROVE HAWKTOOLS

Description: In collaboration with ITS, UISG will work to improve HawkTools by keeping the application up to date as well as adding more features to give students access to the resources they need to be successful. Adding tools to help locate mental health resources, providing a comprehensive campus event calendar, and giving access to other important resources gives students an easy-to-access tool to aid them with their lives on campus.

UISG Members Involved: Kyle Scheer

Progress/Notes: Kyle is working with ITS (Romy Bolton, Steve Tomblin) to make improvements to HawkTools. A focus group was held in July to get student feedback on improvements to the web version of HawkTools.

JUSTICE & EQUITY

UISG DEMOGRAPHICS SURVEY

Description: Demographics survey creation and assessment with Demographics Assessment Team (D.A.T.) and data analysis and qualitative recommendations to quantitative assessments. The ultimate purpose to provide a holistic approach to looking at UISG's ability to representation any and all student populations from first-generation students to LGBTQ+ students, as well as provide recommendations to help create more equitable representation and access to UISG.

UISG Members Involved: Tristan Schmidt, Alexia Sanchez, Herbert Meisner

Progress/Notes: Compiling of peer institutions surveys to compare data/research methodology. Research methods document sent out to team for reading and preparation. Looking for data analysis training materials. Presented to Vice President for Student Life to better understand student representation in UISG and assess possible initiatives for involvement.

TRANSFER STUDENT OUTREACH

Description: We will reshape programs like Success at Iowa, OnIowa, and Transfer Student Orientation to include more transfer student resources, as well as advocate for more scholarships, a housing portal, and more comprehensive recruitment for transfer students. These programs will establish a new level of inclusivity for transfer students in their transitions to life at the University of Iowa.

UISG Members Involved: Alexis Mahanna

Progress/Notes: Compiling possible partners for a town hall this fall, identifying any frameworks from other Universities concerning this idea. I have since contacted Transfers Leading Change twice, as well as the Admissions Office and the Orientation Outreach Programs. I just got a response from the TLC group, so I will meet with their president next week. I will determine from our meeting the interest that TLC has in this idea, and hopefully can partner with them in planning the first town hall from student perspectives.

FIRST GENERATION SUMMIT

Description: Create First Generation Summit for the spring semester.

UISG Members Involved: Tristan Schmidt, Alexia Sanchez

Progress/Notes: Working on drafting final schedule for the fall semester. Sending out previous “I’m the First” Summit notes and information for committee to look through in order to get context for summit. Working on finding and reserving large space on campus along with tentative date for summit. Searching for external funding for the summit. Reaching out to national partners and supporters of First Generation student initiatives and programs.

GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

VOTER REGISTRATION EFFORTS

Description: Execute the 2018-2019 Voter Registration Plan and register at least 60% of undergraduate students to vote. UISG will continue to expand our outreach by hiring fellows, partnering with politically minded student organizations and offices around campus, and creating OnIowa! programming to register as many students to vote as possible. By making students more aware of voting information, we hope to increase civic engagement on campus and get more people involved with their representatives.

UISG Members Involved: Jocelyn Roof, Connor Wooff

Progress/Notes: Reaching out to relevant campus partners and planning National Voter Registration Day, planned an open access to train UISG. Registered approximately 1500 students over Orientation and OnIowa!.

LOCAL/STATE/FEDERAL ADVOCACY: CREATE A LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Description: Advocate for students at the local/state/federal level

UISG Members Involved: Emmalyn Brown, Connor Wooff, Jocelyn Roof

Progress/Notes: Emmalyn and Connor are working on setting the legislative agenda, there is a meeting on 7/13 regarding the legislative roadtrip that will occur this summer, and Jocelyn is working on reaching out to Hawkeye Caucus about restructuring training days and making our advocacy more comprehensive and effective. Additionally we will be reaching out to Orientation about distributing post cards for advocacy to parents.

CREATING A TENANTS' ASSOCIATION

Description: UISG is working to help create a Tenant's Association which will give students more of a platform to voice their struggles/concerns and feel like their opinions are heard. UISG should help assist in the creation and coordination of a Tenant's Association in whichever ways we fit.

UISG Members Involved: Austin Wu

Progress/Notes: Charter written, currently setting up a student organization. Moved forward a motion within the Iowa City DSA to make the formation of a tenant's union the primary goal of the organization for the near future.

COALITION OF IOWA COLLEGE STUDENTS

Description: Iowa will spearhead a collection of college students from 2- and 4-year private and public institutions from across the state to 1) Ramp up voter registration and turnout efforts in the state among young voters (primarily college students), and 2) To continue the partnership into the future to enact change at a statewide level via collective advocacy work.

UISG Members Involved: Heath Schintler

Progress/Notes: Currently tracking down contact info and generating a list of schools.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

UISG LEGISLATION DATABASE

Description: This database will help to digitize the past legislation and documents of UISG. By having a clear database set up, it will be easier for UISG members and non-members alike to search and identify past information in order to create a better future.

UISG Members Involved: Alexis Mahanna

Progress/Notes: Met with Digital Studios, who helped with the logistics- now looking into possible platforms for this database. Decided upon the google platform which Kyle helped to create. Am currently going through and organizing the documents and determining which ones we will have available for all to see- need to double check a few items once I have gone through everything. Kyle and Lauren helping by going through the files from the President's office, and I will digitize what they find (depending on the progress, I will also go help later this week).

ELECTION CODE REFORM

Description: In an effort to reimagine the way UISG elections are held, an independent work group was formed in June focused on examining the current state of UISG elections, and finding ways for them to be improved. The UISG Election Reform work group will provide specific recommendations related to the UISG election process. The work group will work collaboratively to complete deliverables related to those recommendations.

UISG Members Involved: Teri Schelle (Associate Director for Assessment and Strategic Initiatives, Chair), Lilian Burns (UISG Representative) Kalena Meyer (Independent Student Representative), Sidney Martinez (SJC Representative), Jeremy Vogel (Historical Context Representative, non-voting member), Johanna Hetherington (Historical Context Representative, non-voting member), Amanda Elkins (Attorney and Assistant Director of Student Legal Services), Kristi Finger (Assistant Director of Events Services and former UISG Elections Advisor)

Progress/Notes: The UISG Election Reform Work Group was formed in June. The goal is for the recommendations from the Work Group to be voted on by Senate by the end of the fall semester.

HEALTH & SAFETY

ADDING INFO TO STUDENT IDS (EMERGENCY NUMBERS, EXPIRATION DATES)

Description: The purpose of this initiative is to install sexual assault resource guides/awareness similar to those in the IMU in each cultural house on campus.

UISG Members Involved: Micah Augusma

Progress/Notes: Got approval from Director Tab Wiggins, Dr. Nelson, and each of the respective cultural house coordinators to begin installation. However, we need to update all of the posters from Mercy Hospital to UIHC as Mercy does provide comprehensive, adequate help for women. Received a quote from M & D and will reach out again to print posters and have them installed hopefully before school starts.

CULTURAL HOUSE SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS

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HEALTH AND SAFETY FAIR

Description: This is a fair sponsored by UISG. The purpose of the On Iowa! Safety Fair is to connect incoming students with campus and community resources and services that may support students with safety concerns (sexual assault, crimes other than sexual assault, substance abuse, suicide, sexually transmitted infections, etc.).

UISG Members Involved: Micah Augusma, Amber Crow, Elli Lenz

Progress/Notes: The fair went well, and we are now looking to institutionalize it into OnIowa! programming for future years.

SABAC

ORGSYNC TO ENGAGE TRANSITION

Description: The student organization management tool we have been using, OrgSync, is being improved significantly by its parent company. This new system, called Engage, will provide a more comprehensive online platform for student organizations to share information, connect with each other, and apply for funding.

UISG Members Involved: Noel Mills

Progress/Notes: In order to make this transition as smooth as possible, the SABAC has planned mandatory Treasurer Training sessions during the first weeks of the fall semester. The committee is working to make UISG funding as accessible to student organizations as possible, even during this time of change. Received a quote from Marketing and Design and will reach out again to print posters and have them installed hopefully before school starts.

CREATING UISG FINANCE WEBSITE

Description: The SABAC recently changed the way UISG funds student organizations with a new funding model that is more accessible, convenient, and efficient. The “Funding” section of the UISG website needed to be completely redone in order to reflect the positive change being made.

UISG Members Involved: Noel Mills, Kristen Ahrens

Progress/Notes: This has been completed, although we will also be including video tutorials for applying for funding using the Engage budgeting tool. These videos will be made once the new Engage system has been launched.

STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT ORGANIZATION MATERIALS BANK

Description: The goal of this initiative is to work with Iowa Memorial Union Event Services to provide free equipment rental for student organizations. This will save both student organizations and UISG money.

UISG Members Involved: Kyle Scheer, Lily Burns

Progress/Notes: The agreement with IMU Event Services has been completed and equipment will be purchased pending approval by SABAC and the Senate. Once the items have arrived, we will work with the Iowa Memorial Union to advertise their availability to student organization leaders.

AIRPORT SHUTTLE

Description: This is a UISG funded & operated shuttle service designed to provide a low-cost option to students traveling to the Cedar Rapids airport (CID) around academic break periods.

UISG Members Involved: Anthony Haughton

Progress/Notes: The final proposal has been submitted to Parking and Transportation, and the reservation page is up. The next steps will be finding drivers, creating marketing materials, and updating the reservation page.

STUDENT LEADER TRAINING INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Description: The Student Leader Training Incentive Program encourages student leaders to be more informed on the issues of diversity and inclusion, sexual assault prevention, and mental health and wellness by participating in trainings offered through various programs and departments on campus. (FSL organizations excluded)

UISG Members Involved: Anthony Haughton

Progress/Notes: The next goal in this initiative will be to alter the format of the evaluation and participation forms to an online medium. Then reorganize the data collection process on UISG's end.

STUDENT SERVICE EVALUATIONS

Description: The Student Service Evaluation provides a comprehensive overview of services offered by UISG, and proposes ways to improve those services.

UISG Members Involved: Anthony Haughton

Progress/Notes: The Student Service Evaluation's first iteration for this summer has been completed.

STUDENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WEBSITE

Description: This will encourage students to volunteer more through connecting them to volunteer experiences that are student friendly. This will currently be done through an outreach program through HireAHawk, but reevaluations will be done each semester to determine success and possible changes for the future.

UISG Members Involved: Alexia Mahanna

Progress/Notes: Met with HireAHawk, who wants to pursue this project with us. They have granted me access as an editor on the page so I can create and update a volunteer blog, which will have the featured volunteer experiences. We also are going to email businesses who might have volunteer opportunities near the beginning of the year to encourage them to post them to HireAHawk, as we are pushing this from the organizational and student sides. Once I know exactly what HireAHawk is willing to let me access, I will connect with our marketing team to determine how we approach and push this out to students to become aware of.

SUSTAINABILITY

SUIT UP! JC PENNY EVENT

Description: Discounted prices on professional clothing at JCPenney. This event will take place on September 16th, 2018.

UISG Members Involved: Sarah Henry

Progress/Notes: Sarah Henry is sitting on the committee for this as the UISG representative.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Below is a breakdown of the Fiscal Year 2019 Operational Budget for UISG. These are the internal costs UISG anticipates for the 2018-2019 school year. The Student Activity Fee funds all of these expenses. For a full description of how the Student Activity Fee is spent, please see the Funding page of the UISG website (uisg.uiowa.edu). If you would like more information about this budget or anything else related to UISG finances, please contact Director of Finance Noel Mills at noel-mills@uiowa.edu.

BUDGET	FY18
Executive	\$59,080
Legislative	\$7,200
Judicial	\$1,000
CSIL Collaboration	\$50,821
Salaries	\$58,905
	\$177,006

EXECUTIVE BUDGET

NAME	AMOUNT
Office Supplies	\$2,000
Board of Regents	\$1,250
State GR	\$2,000
Safe Ride	\$3,000
Inaguration	\$900
ABTS	\$6,000
Initiatives	\$11,200
Communication & Engagement	\$5,000
Green Initiatives Fund	\$ -
Leadership Development	\$7,000
Finacial Literacy Marketing	\$600
NCBI	\$550
Airport Shuttle	\$12,500
SL Training Program	\$4,000
TurboVote	\$3,080
Deferred Maintenance	\$ -
Accessibility Fund	\$ -
	\$59,080

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET

NAME	AMOUNT
UISG Retreat	\$5,000
Senate Meetings	\$1,000
Bonding Programs	\$1,200
	\$7,200

NAME	AMOUNT	FINGE(12.2%)	TOTAL
Speaker of the Senate	\$3,500	\$427	\$3,927
			\$3,927

JUDICIAL BUDGET

NAME	AMOUNT
Elections	\$1,000
	\$1,000

NAME	AMOUNT	FINGE(12.2%)	TOTAL
Elections Commis- sioner	\$1,000	\$122	\$1,122
			\$3,927

SALARY BUDGET

NAME	AMOUNT	FRINGE [1.2%]	TOTAL
President	\$7,500	\$915	\$8,415
Vice President	\$7,500	\$915	\$8,415
Director of Finance	\$3,500	\$427	\$3,927
Cabinet Director	\$3,500	\$427	\$3,927
Director of Communications	\$2,500	\$427	\$3,927
Executive Assistant	\$2,500	\$305	\$2,805
Director of Governmental Relations	\$2,500	\$305	\$2,805
Director of Justice and Equity	\$2,500	\$305	\$2,805
Director of Sustainability	\$2,500	\$305	\$2,805
City Liason	\$2,500	\$305	\$2,805
Director of Health & Safety	\$2,500	\$305	\$2,805
Director of External Relations	\$2,500	\$305	\$2,805
Director of Student Services	\$2,500	\$305	\$2,805
Secretary	\$2,500	\$305	\$2,805
			\$53,856

CSIL COLLABORATION BUDGET

NAME	AMOUNT
Be Better Summit	\$4,000
Fair Days	\$4,200
Flipping into Finals	\$2,000
Strengths Finder	\$5,000
Dean's Emergency Fund and Trans Support Fund	\$1,000
SOOS	\$1,000
24 Hour IMU	\$13,000
Taste of Iowa City	\$1,000
ISAB Contribution	\$5,621
Phone Lines	\$6,000
	\$50,821