



University of Iowa Student Government
GENERAL SENATE MEETING

February 7, 2012

A.) Call Meeting to Order

B.) Quorum Call – Roll Call

C.) Swearing-In Senators

D.) Public Access

- ✓ Jane Holland from the Council on the Status of Women

E.) Presentations

- ✓ Brody DeBettignies from the Committee on Diversity
- ✓ Christopher Merkle from the Council on Teaching

F.) Old Business

G.) New Business

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- ✓ S.S.R. 32 – FERPA Support
 - ✓ S.S.B. 33 – ABTS Big Ten on the Hill Priorities
 - ✓ S.S.B. 34 – Committee Assignments
 - ✓ S.S.B. 35 – Student Elections Board Commissioner Appointment
 - ✓ S.S.B. 36 – Support of Peaceful Protest
 - ✓ S.S.R. 37 – Opposition to Iowa Voter ID
 - ✓ S.S.R. 38 – Opposition for House File 396
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H.) Reports

- ✓ Senator Student Organization Assignments
- ✓ Executive Reports

I.) Announcements

- ✓ SABAC Supplemental III is due Friday, February 10 at 4:00 pm
- ✓ SABAC will meet on Sunday, February 12 at 11:00 am in 245 IMU
- ✓ No meeting next week (Tuesday, February 14)
- ✓ Next Committee Meetings on Tuesday, February 21 in the Penn State Room (IMU)
- ✓ Next General Senate Meeting is on Tuesday, February 28 at 7:00 pm in 2520D UCC

J.) Adjournment



**UNIVERSITY OF IOWA STUDENT GOVERNMENT
Student Senate**

**FERPA Support
Student Senate Resolution 32
Submitted by: Speaker Pottebaum**

Student Senate Action: Passed/Failed/Tabled
Date: February 7, 2012

Unanimously

AN ACT, relating to the Association of Big Ten Students (ABTS) support of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy (FERPA) Act; and

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

WHEREAS, President Elliot Higgins, Chief of Staff Navi Bajwa, Executive Associate to the President Kevin Paulsen, Sustainability Advocate Kelsey Zlevor, and Speaker Pottebaum attended the January ABTS Conference at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign from January 13 – 15; and

WHEREAS, all ABTS student government delegations present unanimously approved legislation to support the continuation of FERPA; and

WHEREAS, the FERPA is a federal law administered by the Family Policy Compliance Office in the US Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, FERPA applies to all educational agencies and institutions that receive funding under any program administered by the Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, all institutions within the Big Ten Conference, with the exception of Northwestern University, are required to be in compliance with FERPA; and

WHEREAS, FERPA explicitly ensures a student eighteen (18) years of age or older the right:

- (1) To Access his/her educational records,
- (2) Seek to have records amended,
- (3) Have control over the disclosure of personally identifiable information from records,
- (4) File a complaint with the Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, there have recently been concerns regarding protection of students' personal information; and

WHEREAS, numerous higher educational institutions and private organizations have stepped forward to protest the release of student records; and

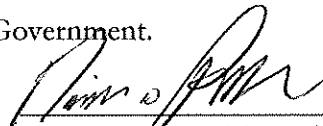
WHEREAS, ABTS, as the active collective voice of students of the Big Ten Conference, reaffirmed its support in the principles of FERPA; and

WHEREAS, the ABTS supports the protection of student records to ensure a respectful and dignified environment for higher education; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the University of Iowa Student Government supports the continuation of FERPA; and


THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the University of Iowa Student Government affirms its support in the protection of student records to ensure a respectful and dignified environment for higher education; 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 - 32



SECRETARY OF THE SENATE
Jessica H. Tobin

APPROVED February 10, 2012



UISG PRESIDENT
Elliot W. Higgins



UNIVERSITY OF IOWA STUDENT GOVERNMENT
Student Senate

ABTS Big Ten on the Hill Legislative Priorities
Student Senate Bill 33
Submitted by: Speaker Pottebaum

Student Senate Action: Passed/Failed/Tabled
Date: February 7, 2012

Unanimously

AN ACT, relating to the Association of Big Ten Students (ABTS) support of specific legislative priorities for Big Ten on the Hill in April; and

WHEREAS, the official name of this legislation shall be the University of Iowa Student Government supports the ABTS Big Ten on the Hill legislative priorities; and

WHEREAS, President Elliot Higgins, Chief of Staff Navi Bajwa, Executive Associate to the President Kevin Paulsen, Sustainability Advocate Kelsey Zlevor, and Speaker Pottebaum attended the January ABTS Conference at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign from January 13 – 15; and

WHEREAS, all ABTS student government delegations present unanimously approved legislation to support four legislative priorities for Big Ten on the Hill in April; and

WHEREAS, the ABTS Big Ten on the Hill legislative priorities are:

- (1) Maintaining low interest rates on Stafford Loans,
- (2) Preserving Pell Grant funding,
- (3) Preserving federal research dollars,
- (4) Maintaining funding for fellowships (i.e. Fulbright); and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the University of Iowa Student Government representatives to the Big Ten on the Hill in April will lobby on the stated priorities as supported by all ABTS delegations and the University of Iowa Student Government; and

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

SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

Nicholas D. Pottebaum

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UISG PRESIDENT, Elliot W. Higgins



UNIVERSITY OF IOWA STUDENT GOVERNMENT
Student Senate

Student Senate Committee Assignments

Student Senate Bill 34

Submitted by: Speaker Pottebaum

Student Senate Action: ~~Passed/Failed/Tabled~~ *Unanimously*
February 7, 2012

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

DIVERISTY

✓ Stephanie Chin

GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

✓ Joelle Brown

STUDENT SERVICES

✓ Bianca Long

✓ Nik Muntz

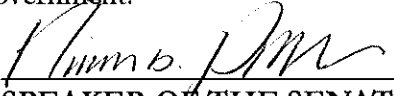
SUSTAINABILITY

✓ Amy Hanson

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; and


THEREFORE BE IT FUTHER 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. Pottebaum

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UISG PRESIDENT
Elliot W. Higgins



UNIVERSITY OF IOWA STUDENT GOVERNMENT
Student Senate

Student Elections Board Commissioner Appointment
Student Senate Bill 35
Submitted by: Senator Sproul on behalf of Nominations Committee

Student Senate Action: ~~Passed~~/Failed/Tabled *Unanimously*
February 7, 2012

AN ACT, relating to appointment of the Student Elections Board Commissioner (SEBC); and

WHEREAS, the official name of this legislation shall be the University of Iowa Student Government (UISG) Student Elections Board Commissioner Appointment (SEBC); and

WHEREAS, the SEBC spot was vacant after the passage of Student Senate Bill 8, which dissolved the Student Elections Board and created the SEBC; and

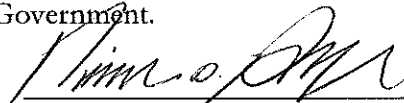
WHEREAS, Nominations Committees collected applications and interviewed the nominee for the SEBC and encourages the approval of this recommended SEBC; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Student Senate shall consider Patrick Grim for SEBC; and

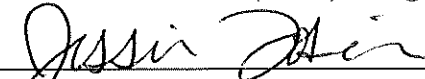
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, UISG shall entrust to Patrick Grim to be objective and unbiased in representing the students of the University of Iowa in the 2012 UISG elections; and

THEREFORE BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, and we endorse Patrick Grim who is qualified in merit to represent the UISG and SEBC to the best of his abilities; 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-Bill - 35


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UISG PRESIDENT
Elliot W. Higgins



UNIVERSITY OF IOWA STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Student Senate

Support of Peaceful Protest

Student Senate Bill 36

Submitted by: Speaker Pottebaum on behalf of President Higgins

Student Senate Action: Passed/Failed/Tabled

Date: February 7, 2012

Majority Voice Vote

AN ACT, relating to University of California Berkeley and David protests in recognition of their right to freely participate in peaceful civil disobedience; and

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

WHEREAS, President Elliot Higgins and Vice President Caplin were contacted by Northwestern University Associated Student Government Senator Ani Ajith to sign a letter supporting peaceful protests; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States ensures "the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances"; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights ensures those same rights for all people of the world; and

~~**WHEREAS**, the Right to Peacefully Assemble and the Right to Free Speech may not be inhibited by any person, regardless of context, circumstance, or other extenuating factors; and~~

WHEREAS, at student protests across the country, particularly at the University of California at Davids and University of California at Berkeley, police and university administration have forcefully denied students their constitutional rights; and

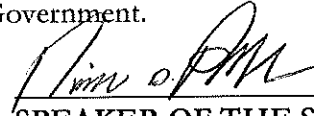
WHEREAS, the University of Iowa students and the larger University of Iowa community supports the constitutional and human rights of all persons; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the University of Iowa Student Government stands in solidarity with the peaceful protesters of the University of California David, of the University of California-Berkeley, as well as all those around the world who seek to affect change through peaceful protest, free speech, and free assembly; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the University of Iowa Student Government President Elliot Higgins will sign the letter administered by Northwestern University on behalf of UISG; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the University of Iowa Student Government condemns the actions of those who seek to repress, censor, or forcefully deny individuals their constitutional and human rights; and

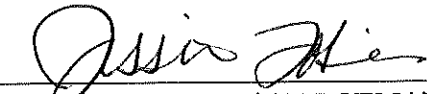
SO BE IT ENACTED, by the University of Iowa Student Government.



SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

Nicholas D. Pottebaum

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UISG PRESIDENT

Elliot W. Higgins



UNIVERSITY OF IOWA STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Student Senate

Opposition to Iowa Voter ID

Student Senate Resolution 37

Submitted by: Senator Dvorsky

Student Senate Action: Passed/Failed/Tabled *Majority Voice Vote*
Date: February 7, 2012

AN ACT, opposition to Iowa Voter ID law on the basis that such legislation would enact unnecessary barriers to voting and have high costs for taxpayers in particular the University of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, the official name of this legislation shall be resolution against the proposed Voter Identification law in Iowa; and

WHEREAS, the Brennan Center for Justice released a study that found that voter identification laws "could make it significantly harder for more than five million eligible voters to cast ballots in 2012" nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the legislation is similar to a Voter ID law passed in Wisconsin which it cost taxpayers nearly \$6 million- those costs include a substantial education program, \$2 million to cover additional employees at the Department of Transportation and the cost of free IDs; and

WHEREAS, a study by the Iowa State Association of County Auditors concluded that providing free photo IDs would cost the state of Iowa \$420,660 per year and the cost of providing free birth certificates \$1,261,980 per year; and

WHEREAS, therefore would potentially cost Iowa taxpayers millions; and

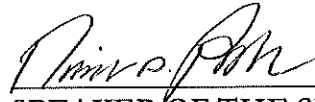
WHEREAS, University IDs are only valid if they include an expiration date, something that is not standard practice in the state and would require that IDs be updated before they are valid; and

WHEREAS, In Wisconsin the re-issuance of student IDs that do not comply with the new law costs over \$1.6 million therefore would potentially costs the University of Iowa similar amounts; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the University of Iowa Student Government does not support a law that would cost the University of Iowa and state of Iowa millions in taxpayer money and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, UISG does not support legislation that would put more barriers in place for students to vote; and

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



SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

Nicholas D. Pottebaum

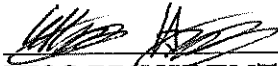
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UNIVERSITY OF IOWA STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Student Senate

Opposition to House File 396

Student Senate Resolution 38

Submitted by: Senator Dickinson and Senator Klemme

Student Senate Action: Passed/Failed/Tabled

Date: February 7, 2012

Majority Voice Vote

AN ACT, relating to the opposition of the Iowa House File 396; and

WHEREAS, the official name of this legislation shall be Opposal of House File 396; and

WHEREAS, House File 396 would make it illegal for the owner, lessee or a person who has control over a property that is not a licensed to distribute alcohol to persons under the legal drinking age of 21 to consume or possess an alcoholic beverage on their property; and

WHEREAS, House File 396 will be fining people of legal age who are knowingly serving, allowing, or consuming alcohol with people that are under the legal drinking age. Those who are exempt are parents drinking with their child in their home, as well as those who have medicinal needs, and employees that might handle alcohol; and

WHEREAS, First time offenders would be fined with a simple misdemeanor punishable by a \$200 fine, while second time offenders would carry a \$500 fine and may be punished with a serious misdemeanor, and subsequent offenses would result in a \$500 fine and possible suspension of the violator's vehicle driver's license for up to one year; and

WHEREAS, Those who are also exempt are parents who allow their child to consume wine, beer or liquor in their private home, but would not cover other underage friends at the residence; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, UISG opposes House File 396, because this measure may cause warrants and breathalyzer testing, and would force hosts to have people show them identification proving their legal age; and

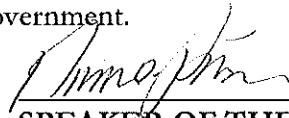
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, UISG feels there are already legal measures that local law enforcements can place on unlawful house parties and House File 396 as it is currently worded is just an additional burden, which has no evidence for reducing underage alcohol consumption; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, UISG stands in opposition of proposed House File 396; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, As House File 396 continues to be worked on and changed in the Iowa legislature, UISG will continue to monitor the legislation, and change our stance if seen necessary; and

THEREFORE BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, UISG stands in opposition to the current wording of House File 396; and

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



SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

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