



University of Iowa Student Government GENERAL SENATE MEETING

November 15, 2011

A.) Call Meeting to Order(7:04)

B.) Quorum Call – Roll Call(7:05)

C.) Public Access

D.) Presentation(7:06)

- ✓ Christopher Clark discussing the UI Learning Commons

The main library learning commons is scheduled to be completed fall 2013. The total project cost is 14.5 million. There will be 24/5 access and as demand indicates they will staff the facility. There will be a concierge desk to help students with problems. There will be a renovated café. There will be a 45 seat TILE classroom with barn doors so it can be used outside of class time. There will be a lot of students. The study space will accommodate for 500 students. The first phase of the project will begin fairly soon. They are hoping to not cut into student service.

- ✓ Campus Planning Committee Student Representatives (Andrew Berg and Uwin Hettiarachchi)

The committee mostly deals with proposed projects. Long before any projects are approved the plans go through the committee. They deliberate with the architects and provide comments for the designs. After they vote on the designs then the design usually goes to the Board of Regents. The students on the committee give their opinion as students. They don't have the power to stop a project but they can make recommendations. They try to make sure the designs are in line with the campus master plan. Some of the current project proposals are for the dental buildings, the art building, Hanchar, the library and the new residence hall.

- ✓ Financial Aid Advisory Student Representative (Jay Brown)

The committee meets five times a year. They educate themselves first by bringing in speakers. Then they address problems as they arise. In their most recent meeting they discussed the funding of the graduate colleges. There are sub committees as needed.

E.) Old Business (7:25)

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- ✓ S.S.B. 27 – UISG Student Liaisons

Senator Horsfield explained the changes to the legislation. The first THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED would be changed to: "Senators will be randomly assigned one or two organizations to have contact with for the term." This legislation would give student organization leaders a reference. The liaison would point leaders in the right direction and answer questions. He prepared a guide for the Senator Liaisons to make it more successful for all parties. UISG is reaching out to students, which goes along with the PICK One initiative The University started.

Discussion on S.S.B. 27:

Senator Horsfield moved to amend the bylaw as stated above. Senator Mitchell seconded. Senator Mafoua-Namy said he is still concerned about the random selection. He said for the idea to go full force then students should be able to choose their student organization they want to be a liaison for. Senator Horsfield said they chose random selection because it would be difficult to let 50 senators chose what student organization they want to be a liaison for. As students leaders we should accept challenges. This is working towards being a good person that does the best they can.

Senator Rizor asked if there is a chance a Senator can be assigned to an organization they are already in. Senator Brannon asked about the scheduling and if they would assign senators based on class schedules and availability. Senator Horsfield said we could deal with that on an individual basis.

Senator Riffel said he would like a little more information on this matter. He didn't understand the conflict of interest if a students acts like a liaison of an organization they are already in. Senator Horsfield said if a senator is already apart of an organization then they might slack a little on their job.

Senator Mitchell said senators wouldn't be expected to attend all meetings, just one per semester. If a senator has a conflict her or she can ask another senator to go in their place. The reason for random selection is to remain professional. Senator Rolston said he would feel more accountable if he was a liaison with an organization he was already apart of. If a student isn't involved in the organization then there would be no accountability. Senator Rizor said there is a possibility of a student being assigned to an organization they don't agree with.

Senator Brown said the simplicity of assigning senators is what it comes down to. Regardless of if you like the organization or not you should be professional and give their best. Senator Horsfield said many organizations have multiple senators involved in a student organization and it would be difficult to choose. Senator Rolston said there are too many concerns being voiced. He said he doesn't know if every student organization even needs are help.

Senator Rolston motioned to previous question. Second by Senator Jiang. Vote to previous question—passes.

Vote on amendment of S.S.B.27—Passes.

Senator Moffitt said the Sustainability Summit was very successful for sustainability organizations. Something like that would be a good alternative. Also at-large senators are supposed to represent students as a whole. There are already senators that represent student organizations. Senator Zhou said we should find out if student organizations need the help from senators. Senator Horsfield said if the legislation passes then each organization will get an e-mail inquiring if they would like to be involved.

Senator Rolston motioned to previous question. Second by Senator Riffell.

Vote on S.S.B. 27—Passes.

F.) New Business

✓ S.S.B. 28 – Student Senate Committee Assignments

Senator Mafoua-Namy motioned to previous question. Second by Senator Jiang. Vote to previous question—passes.

Vote on S.S.B. 28—Passes.

✓ S.S.R. 29 – UI Beyond Coal

Senator Moffit said this is a resolution that goes along with one of our platform goals to increase sustainability measures. This is a matter that students really care about. Beyond Coal campaigns have gone on around the US. Passing the resolution will show that we are educated on the matter. Senator Moffit yielded the floor to the Sierra Coalition.

The Sierra Coalition has been on campus since August, gathering signatures from students to support the mission.

Discussion on S.S.R. 29:

Senator Oskvig, point of information, asked about the second whereas.

Senator Jiang motioned to previous question. Second by Senator Horsfield. Vote on previous question—passes.

Vote on S.S.R. 29—Passes.

✓ S.S.B. 30 – ITS Student Focus Group

Senator VanZant is absent tonight.

Senator Horsfield motioned to table. Second by Senator Brannan. Vote to table S.S.B. 30—Passes.

✓ S.S.B. 31 – Commendation of Chief Justice Inani

Senator Pottebaum wanted to commend Chief Justice Inani for all of the work she has done to reform the Student Judicial Board. President Higgins also commended Inani for her work. SJC now plays a larger roll is Student Government.

Senator Horsfield motioned to previous question. Second by Senator Rolston. Vote to previous question—passes.

Vote on S.S.B. 30—passes.

H.) Reports (7:53)

✓ Sustainability Summit Summary

Senator Moffitt said about 40 leaders came, representing 13 student organizations. It was a great day for students leaders to meet each other and learn how to be more effective. They answered a lot of questions about how UISG can be a resource.

✓ Lobbying Training on November 29th

Senator Dickinson and Governmental Relations Liaison Valde said the event is in preparation of Regents Day. This event is to inform UISG and how to lobby effectively. GRI Valde said the goal is for more students to feel comfortable while lobbying.

✓ Advisor

Dr. Nelson said that the CocaCola funding request group will be meeting on Thursday. Five senators have been selected to go on Leadershape.

✓ Executives

President Higgins:

- Commended the co-chairs of the Governmental Relations Committee. He also commended the co-chairs of the Sustainability Committee.
- Funding for the credit counseling program on campus dried up this past year. The need is still there for college students. It is very important to have free credit counseling for students.
- They have been working to extend the library office hours the week before finals week. There is evidence that it is a necessary matter.
- The UI Cab initiative is still being worked on. The main problem is limiting abuse.

Executive Associate Paulsen:

- Hawkeye Hometown Visit leaders to get involved. There will be 6th and 7th.



program is looking for student be a brief training session on Dec.

Vice President Caplin

- Rec Services is now allowing two free visits without your ID

Sustainability Zlevor

- The IMU is going forth with the water bottle project

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- Diversity training will be Feb. 7th.
- A Diversity campaign will start at the beginning of next semester.

✓ Committee Chairs

I.) Announcements (8:17)

- ✓ Next General Meeting (lobbying training) is Tuesday, November 29th at 7:00 pm in 2520D UCC. Dress will be business.
- ✓ Final Week of Office Hours will be Monday, December 5 – Friday, December 9.

J.) Adjournment (8:20) Motion by Senator Horsfield. Second by Senator Sturtz.

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA STUDENT GOVERNMENT
Student Senate

UISG Student Liaisons

Student Senate Bill – 27

Submitted by: Senator Horsfield on behalf of the Community & Outreach Committee

Student Senate Action: Passed/Failed/Tabled

Date: November 1, 2011

AN ACT, relating to transparency of the University of Iowa Student Government; and

WHEREAS, the official name of this legislation shall be Student Senator Communication with SABAC Funded Student Organizations; and

WHEREAS, Senators will attend one of their assigned organization's meeting per semester; and

WHEREAS, Senators will provide reminders of due dates, information of local events, and be a liaison between UISG and the organization; and

WHEREAS, University of Iowa Student Government wants to improve transparency; and

WHEREAS, Senator involvement in organizations (i.e attending meetings, being a point of contact) helps both organizations be on the same page; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Senators will be assigned one organization to have contact with for the term; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Senators will be assigned organizations to keep in communication with; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Senators will communicate with their assigned organizations about funding, events, and answering any questions the organization may have pertaining to UISG; 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 – 27

APPROVED _____, 2011

UISG PRESIDENT

Elliot W. Higgins

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

Jessica H. Tobin



UNIVERSITY OF IOWA STUDENT GOVERNMENT
Student Senate

Student Senate Committee Assignments
Student Senate Bill 28
Submitted by: Speaker Pottebaum

Student Senate Action: Passed/Failed/Tabled
November 15, 2011

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

COMMUNITY AND OUTREACH

✓ Yu Zhou

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;

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;

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

SPEAKER OF THE SENATE
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UNIVERSITY OF IOWA STUDENT GOVERNMENT
Student Senate

UI Beyond Coal

Student Senate Resolution 29

Submitted by: Senator Kothari and Senator Moffitt
on behalf of Meredith Place and the UI Sierra Student Coalition

Student Senate Action: Passed/Failed/Tabled

Date: November 15, 2011

AN ACT, to urge the University of Iowa to make a commitment to stop burning coal by 2020; and

WHEREAS, the official name of this legislation shall be University of Iowa Beyond Coal Resolution; and

WHEREAS, coal is known to be a dirty, unsafe, unhealthy substance that heavily pollutes the air, land, and water during mining to burning to disposing; and

WHEREAS, hazardous air pollutants from coal plants contaminate local lakes and rivers and lead to acid rain; and

WHEREAS, the pollutants severely affect the many Americans whom have asthma and other health problems

WHEREAS, pollution from coal-fired power plants causes 12,000 emergency-room visits and \$100 billion in health-care costs; and

WHEREAS, currently the University of Iowa coal power plant burns 16 pounds of coal per student per day equating to over 100,000 tons per year; and

WHEREAS, the University is continuously sending funds and resources to a company in central Illinois to mine and retrieve coal supply day to day; and

WHEREAS, there are many options available to replace the current coal power plant with more clean and sustainable energy sources

WHEREAS, a platform goal of the University of Iowa Student Government is to promote sustainability and to support initiatives that will better the environment of the campus and the wellbeing of its students; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the University of Iowa Student Government is in support of advising the University of Iowa to pledge to have no dependence on coal power by 2020; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, we acknowledge and appreciate the University's current efforts to replace coal with burning locally produced biomass; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, current biomass usage equates to 4 pounds of oat hulls per student per day which accounts for 11% of plant energy usage; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, increasing biomass usage also stimulates local growth and development as it is purchased within the area; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in order to account for the energy that the UI coal plant produces, the University must increase conservation efforts and increase usage of alternative sources of energy; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the University can conserve by improving its building energy efficiency and enacting stricter energy usage guidelines; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the University must look into and invest in various renewable energy sources such as solar and wind which would replace the current coal usage as well as instigate creation of new jobs; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this goal is realistically achievable with an active effort from the University of Iowa faculty, staff, students, and the Iowa City community; and

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

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Elliot W. Higgins



UNIVERSITY OF IOWA STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Student Senate

ITS Student Focus Group

Student Senate Bill 30

Submitted by: Senator Van Zant

Student Senate Action: Passed/Failed/Tabled

Date: November 15, 2011

AN ACT, relating to software developments at the University of Iowa Information Technology Service; and

WHEREAS, the official name of this legislation shall be ITS Student Focus Group; and

WHEREAS, Directors Mike Noel and Doug Lee presented information on Project MAUI to UISG on September 20, 2011; and

WHEREAS, MAUI will impact the capacity and ability of online student interfaces, such as ISIS and ICON; and

WHEREAS, ITS officials have expressed a desire for student input; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, University of Iowa Student Government supports the dedication of the University of Iowa, Information Technology Service, and Project MAUI to improving and updating the system; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Academic Affairs Committee will aide in making the software student-friendly by organizing focus groups upon the request of developers at ITS. UISG will notify the student body when opportunities to participate are available through email notifications, UISG members are encouraged to participate and represent students; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, funds to organize student focus groups will come from the UISG contingency fund, if necessary; and

THEREFORE BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, student focus groups shall be assembled by UISG in an effort to make online student resources the best they can be; and

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

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UNIVERSITY OF IOWA STUDENT GOVERNMENT
Student Senate

Commendation of Chief Justice Inani
Student Senate Bill – 31
Submitted by: Speaker Pottebaum

Student Senate Action: Passed/Failed/Tabled
Date: November 15, 2011

AN ACT, relating to the commendation of Chief Justice Inani; and

WHEREAS, the official name of this legislation shall be Commendation of Chief Justice Inani; and

WHEREAS, Chief Justice Inani has gone above and beyond the call of duty to reform and institute good practices for future years of the Student Judicial Court; and

WHEREAS, Chief Justice Inani remained in the Student Judicial Court an additional semester to plan Student Judicial Courts' future role as apart of the University of Iowa Student Government; and

WHEREAS, Chief Justice Inani's work throughout 2011 has been exemplary and the Student Judicial Court, University of Iowa Student Government, all undergraduate students, and the University of Iowa are thankful for Chief Justice Inani's service; and

THEREFORE BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that the Student Senate commends Chief Justice Inani for her hard work; and

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

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