



**UNIVERSITY OF IOWA STUDENT GOVERNMENT**  
**Student Senate**

Welcoming New Big Ten Conference Members

Student Senate Bill 24

Submitted by: Speaker Horsfield on behalf of President Pottebaum

Student Senate Action: Passed/Failed/Tabled

Date: January 22, 2013

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**AN ACT**, relating to the University of Maryland at College Park and Rutgers University membership into the Big Ten Conference; and

**WHEREAS**, the official name of this legislation shall be the Welcoming of the University of Maryland and Rutgers University into the Big Ten Conference; and

**WHEREAS**, the University of Maryland's Board of Regents unanimously approved a move to the Big Ten Conference on November 19, 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 20, 2012, the Big Ten Council of Presidents/Chancellors (COP/C) announced unanimous approval for Rutgers University to become a member of the Big Ten Conference; and

**WHEREAS**, the University of Maryland is an internationally-renowned university for research, athletics, and academics; and

**WHEREAS**, the University of Maryland originated as a land-grant university from the Morrill Act of 1862 and has maintained a tradition of excellence in research, academics, and athletic; and

**WHEREAS**, Rutgers University is one of the oldest universities in the United States (previously known as Queen's College), and is an internationally-renowned university; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rutgers University is referred to as "The Birthplace of the College Football" and the Big Ten as the "Great Arena of College Football," thus, the joining of Rutgers in the Big Ten will lead to great traditions within the conference; and

**WHEREAS**, the University of Maryland and Rutgers University are members of the Association of American Universities and considered a public ivy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Association of Big Ten Students (ABTS) on January 13, 2013 officially recognized representative organization of student government or association at the University of Maryland and Rutgers University into the Big Ten Conference; and

**WHEREAS**, University of Iowa Student Government Representatives including President Pottebaum, Vice President Tobin, Speaker Horsfield, Chief of Staff Debettignies, and Sustainability Liaison Zlevor attended the ABTS Conference as Iowa delegates who unanimously approved and supported the measure to accept the University of Maryland Rutgers into ABTS and welcome each institution to the Big Ten Conference; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon ratification of this legislation, President Pottebaum will be instructed to formally welcome the University of Maryland Student Government and Rutgers University Student Association President's by sending an official, signed letter; and


**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the University of Iowa Student Government welcomes the University of Maryland and Rutgers University into the Big Ten Athletic Conference and ABTS, and we wish that our mutual cooperation on research, service, athletics, and academics will extend further; and

**THEREFORE BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED**, University of Iowa Student Government confirms this welcome; and

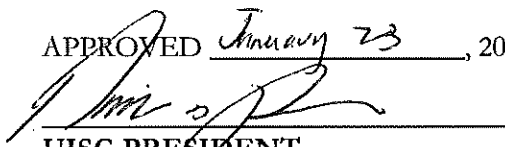
**SO BE IT ENACTED**, by the University of Iowa Student Government.

  
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**SPEAKER OF THE SENATE**  
Aaron M. Horsfield

*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 -24.*

  
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**SECRETARY OF THE SENATE**  
Emily A. Brannon

APPROVED January 23, 2013

  
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**UISG PRESIDENT**  
Nicholas D. Pottebaum