



University of Iowa Student Government GENERAL SENATE MEETING

February 28, 2012

A.) Call Meeting to Order (7:05)

B.) Quorum Call – Roll Call

C.) Public Access

D.) Presentations

✓ Hancher Advisory Committee

Caroline Dvorsky said the group is a mix of undergraduate students, graduate students and staff. They advise on marketing of upcoming events, promotion and creating a lasting change. The big issue this year is everyone wants to know what's going to happen. At the Board of Regents meeting in March there will be a presentation. The goal is to break ground this summer. The date for completion is set for December 2015.

✓ Senator Brown on IMU Late Night Study Review

Jay Brown said the IMU is the first building on campus to be 24 hours. UISG picks up the tab for this. Before the IMU we were the only school of the Big 10 to not have a 24 hour building. From 1:30AM-6:30AM they keep track of how many people are in the building. Between the hours of 1:30AM-3:30AM there is higher than average hourly population. Finals week accounts for 40% of the total IMU usage. Saturday night after 1:30AM always has a low patronage. The estimated monthly cost is \$3,000.

✓ ECGPS-UISG Joint Document Overview

Speaker Pottebaum said this effort was to align the two groups. UISG has their own constitution and ECGPS has their own charter. They want to add the joint document wording. This specifies what the four committees are doing: Student Judicial Court, Joint Finance committee, Nominations Committee and Lecture Committee Selection Committee. There will be joint phrasing in each document; it will be a short paragraph. The final language will be out in a couple weeks.

E.) Old Business (7:13)

F.) New Business (7:13)

✓ S.S.B. 39 – SABAC Supplemental III

Senator Westercamp said SABAC met Sunday Feb. 12th. SABAC zero funds some categories based off predetermined standards. The most common reason they zero funded was for disposable items, t-shirts, food etc. The total amount allocated was \$152,505.50. The average amount received by each organization was \$1773.32.

Discussion: None.

Senator Tarnoff motioned to previous question. Second by Senator Horsfield. Vote to move to previous question—Passes.

Vote on S.S.B. 39—Passes.

✓ S.S.B. 40 – Joint Finance Committee CFO FY13 Budgets

Chief Financial Officer Cornally said Collaborative Funded Organizations are funded by both UISG and ECGPS. They proved a unique service to both undergraduate and graduate students. They generally receive discretionary funding. The funding cap is \$440,435. The total amount allocated \$449,917.

Discussion:

Speaker Pottebaum asked if anyone has appealed at this point in time. CFO Cornally said not at this point. Speaker Pottebaum said if there are appeals then UISG will meet next Tuesday.

Senator Brown, Jay motioned to previous question. Second by Senator Horsfield. Vote to move to previous question—Passes.

Vote on S.S.B. 40—Passes.

✓ S.S.R. 41 – Support for the Green Initiative Fund (TGIF)

Senator Moffitt and Senator Kothari presented. Senator Moffit said this fund be a resource for all students and way to commit to renewable energy at The University of Iowa. It will go towards cutting carbon emissions, creating internships positions focused on sustainability, sustainable transportation, compost promotion, campus bicycle initiatives, etc. The proposal is for \$2 to be added in two school years. This is a chance to create a sustainable impact. It will end up saving money. Senator Kothari said this idea was presented during the sustainability summit and everyone was really excited about it. There are a number of schools doing this same thing. The increase would pile up into a single fund. 60% would go towards renewable energy or improvements on campus. The other 40% would go to student projects.

Senator Brannon asked how the other funds were set up at other universities. Senator Moffitt said the range is \$3-5. They are all set up a little differently. Senator Mafoua-Namy asked if they would create a savings for larger future projects. Moffitt said the 60% will be where the big, longer term projects would come from. They would wait a few years for that money to collect. Senator Van Zant asked how the student activity fee works. Senator Kothari said it would be dependent on this bill passing in ECGPS. UISG would take the 2 dollars of the top before it divides between ECGPS and UISG.

Discussion:

Dr. Nelson asked what year they resolution is specifically talking about.

Pottebaum said that it is for 2013-2014 school year.

Senator Moffit motioned to friendly amend the 7th *Whereas* to “academic year 2012-2013” and the 1st *Therefore be it resolved* to “academic year” rather than “fiscal year.”

Senator Branson motioned to previous question. Second by Senator Brannon. Vote to move to previous question—Passes.

Vote on S.S.R. 41—Passes.

G.) Reports (7:29)

- ✓ Advisor
- ✓ Executive Reports

President Higgins said there are no student representatives on SSMID. The board encourages students to participate at the sub-committee level. If several executive members go though Safe Zone training the office could be designated as a Safe Zone. They will be making a decision on a part time SLS attorney this Friday.

Vice President Caplin said Safe Ride will be announced after Spring Break. They are developing a survey on off campus housing. A Diversity Summit will be held soon.

Diversity Advocate Nicoue said they are working on a Diversity Campaign to be ready for the On Iowa program next semester.

Sustainability Advocate Zlevor said the hydration station was installed in the IMU. There are goosenecks on all of the water fountains in the IMU.

Chief of Staff Bajwa said the Student worker summit was this past Saturday. He will begin visiting places on campus with student employees. There are two more SafeZone training sessions in March and April.

Governmental Relations Valde said Tuesday march 27th is Hawkeye Caucus day. Thursday March 29th is Board of Regents day.

City Council Liaison Graham said City Code section 856 that pertains to indecent exposure has extreme consequences. He proposed an amendment to create a separation within the city code. It is will be voted on right now.

Student Organization Coordinator Popham said 100 Alternative Spring Break awards will be awarded.

- ✓ Committee Chairs

H.) Announcements (7:40)

- ✓ Jeopardy Black History Game Night: Wednesday, February 29 at 8:00 PM at the Afro-House.
- ✓ Next Committee Meetings on Tuesday, March 20 in 2520D UCC.
- ✓ Iron Chef Competition: Wednesday, March 21 at 5:00 PM at the Afro-House and APACC.
- ✓ Next General Senate Meeting is on Tuesday, March 27 at 7:00 pm in 2520D UCC.
- ✓ Hawkeye Awards – Wednesday, April 25 at 7:00 PM in the 2nd Floor Ballroom

I.) Adjournment (7:42) Senator Branson motioned to adjourn. Second by Senator Klemme.



**UNIVERSITY OF IOWA STUDENT GOVERNMENT
Student Senate**

SABAC Supplemental III Funding
Student Senate Bill 39

Submitted by: SABAC Chair Westercamp on behalf of SABAC

Student Senate Action: Passed/Failed/Tabled
February 28, 2012

AN ACT, relating to the adoption of Student Assembly Budgeting Allocating Committee's (SABAC) recommendation for the allocation of Student Activity Fees; and

WHEREAS, the official name of this legislation shall be Student Organization Supplement III Funding; and

WHEREAS, as of Friday, February 10th, 2012 @ 5:00pm submissions were due to the Student Assembly Budgeting & Allocating Committee (SABAC) digital database (OrgSync) in order to receive funding; and

WHEREAS, the SABAC convened pursuant to adjournment on Sunday, February 12, 2012 at 11:15 AM PM in Room 245 of the Iowa Memorial Union to deliberate over fee allocations; and

WHEREAS, the Committee initially budgeted and allocated consistent with the Student Government@UI Constitution and SABAC Budgeting By-Laws until 3:20 PM; and

WHEREAS, the Committee made thoughtful, objective, fair and consistent appropriations and decided to award nearly \$152,505.50 to various Student Organizations; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the SABAC Committee pursuant to the Governing By-Laws of the UISG 2.1.2 and 2.6.1.12 the SABAC membership would encourage the approval of the Student Senate of the recommendation(s) as set forth in the informational packets provided; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Senate would direct the SABAC Chair to prepare necessary information and documents for dissemination and execution by the Chief Financial Officer if the UISG President does not further object to the adoption of the resolution pursuant to procedures outlined in the Governing By-Laws 3.4.1 specifically 3.4.1.2.2.

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 – 39

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

Jessica H. Tobin

APPROVED _____, 2012

UISG PRESIDENT

Elliot W. Higgins



**UNIVERSITY OF IOWA STUDENT GOVERNMENT
Student Senate**

Joint Finance Committee CFO FY13 Budget
Student Senate Bill 40
Submitted by: SABAC Chair Westercamp on behalf of SABAC

Student Senate Action: Passed/Failed/Tabled
February 28, 2012

AN ACT, relating to the adoption of Student Assembly Budgeting Allocating Committee's (SABAC) recommendation, as part of the SG@UI Finance Committee, for the allocation of Student Activity Fee monies to the eleven Collaborative Funding Organizations (CFOs); and

WHEREAS, the official name of this legislation shall be FY2013 Fiscal Budgeting; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee convened pursuant to adjournment on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 @ 7:30 PM in the UISG Conference Room of the Iowa Memorial Union of the University of Iowa to hear organization presentations; and

WHEREAS, the Committee initially budgeted and allocated consistent with the UISG Constitution and SABAC Budgeting By-Laws until 8:45 PM; and

WHEREAS, the Committee recommends the proportional allocation of \$449.917.00 by the University of Iowa Student Government (UISG) to the CFOs; and

THERFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the SABAC Committee pursuant to the Governing By-Laws of the UISG 2.1.2 and 2.6.1.12 the SABAC membership would encourage the approval of the Student Senate of the recommendation(s) as set forth in the informational packets provided; and

THEREFORE BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that the Senate would direct the SABAC Chair to prepare necessary information and documents for dissemination and execution by the Chief Financial Officer if the UISG President does not further object to the adoption of the resolution pursuant to procedures outline in the Governing By-Laws 3.4.1 specifically 3.4.1.2.2.

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 – 40

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

Jessica H. Tobin

APPROVED _____, 2012

UISG PRESIDENT

Elliot W. Higgins



**UNIVERSITY OF IOWA STUDENT GOVERNMENT
Student Senate**

Support for the Green Initiative Fund (TGIF)

Student Senate Resolution 41

Submitted by: Senator Moffitt and the Sustainability Committee

Student Senate Action: Passed/Failed/Tabled

February 28, 2012

AN ACT, relating to the support for the creation of The Green Initiative Fund (TGIF); and

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

WHEREAS, there are currently at least 41 colleges and universities, according to the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in High Education (AASHE), which currently have funds dedicated specifically to sustainability, including Harvard University, the University of California – Berkeley, Northeastern University, the University of Illinois, the University of Wisconsin – La Crosse, the University of Wisconsin – Green Bay, and Southern Illinois University; and

WHEREAS, The University of Illinois currently commits \$14 per student per term towards a green fund; and

WHEREAS, at least 15 student organizations dedicated to sustainability currently exist at the University of Iowa, and that number is continuing to grow; and

WHEREAS, the first UISG Sustainability Summit was successful in uniting these organizations and establishing that sustainability is a main goal of the students at the University of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, the Action Party, led by President Higgins and Vice President Caplin, ran on a platform encouraging sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the Student Activity Fund committee has already decided to raise the Student Activity Fee by \$2 for ~~fiscal year~~ academic year 2012-2013 ~~2013-2014~~, but the direction of these funds has not been determined; and

WHEREAS, renewable energy has become a goal of the University of Iowa, as we move towards solar and wind energy; and

WHEREAS, there are strong, viable, cost-effective options for the University of Iowa to incorporate solar panels and wind turbines into its energy portfolio; and

WHEREAS, with a safe estimate of 25,000 undergraduate and graduate students at the University of Iowa, TGIF will generate \$50,000 in the first year; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, we respectfully recommend that the Student Activity Fund committee commit the \$2 increase to the Student Activity Fund towards the Green Initiative Fund (TGIF) starting ~~fiscal year~~ academic year (~~FY~~) 2013-2014, upon approval from ECGPS; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, we respectfully recommend that the \$2 will be committed for the subsequent 5 years; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Green Initiative Fund will go towards both renewable energy practices on campus, and small term projects led by students on campus; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, we recommend that sixty percent of TGIF will go towards renewable energy, including moving forward with solar and wind energy, biomass fuel at the Iowa City coal plant, etc.; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, we recommend the remaining forty percent of TGIF will go towards smaller projects on campus. Students will have the opportunity to submit applications for these funds, which will be reviewed by the Sustainability Committee. The Sustainability Committee will then submit their recommendations for allocations to the University of Iowa Student Senate; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we recommend that the administration of University of Iowa continue to focus on providing resources such as funding for sustainability as well through additional means; 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 – 41

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE
Jessica H. Tobin

APPROVED _____, 2012

UISG PRESIDENT
Elliot W. Higgins