



University of Iowa Student Government  
GENERAL SENATE MEETING

November 15, 2011

A.) Call Meeting to Order

B.) Quorum Call – Roll Call

C.) Public Access

D.) Presentation

- ✓ Christopher Clark discussing the UI Learning Commons
- ✓ Campus Planning Committee Student Representatives (Andrew Berg and Uwin Hettiarachchi)
- ✓ Financial Aid Advisory Student Representative (Scott Annis)

E.) Old Business

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- ✓ S.S.B. 27 – UISG Student Liaisons
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F.) New Business

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- ✓ S.S.B. 28 – Student Senate Committee Assignments
  - ✓ S.S.R. 29 – UI Beyond Coal
  - ✓ S.S.B. 30 – ITS Student Focus Group
  - ✓ S.S.B. 31 – Commendation of Chief Justice Inani
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H.) Reports

- ✓ Sustainability Summit Summary
- ✓ Lobbying Training on November 29th
- ✓ Advisor
- ✓ Executives
- ✓ Committee Chairs

I.) Announcements

- ✓ Next General Meeting (lobbying training) is Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> 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



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

*Unanimous Consent*

**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

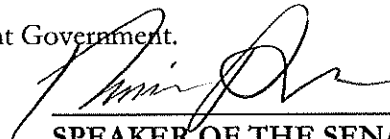
**WHEREAS**, Senator involvement in organizations (i.e attending meetings, being a point of contact) helps both organizations be on the same page; and

**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

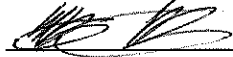
**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Senators will communicate with their assigned organizations about funding, events, and answering any questions the organization may have pertaining to UISG; and

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

  
**SPEAKER OF THE SENATE**  
Nicholas D. Pottebaum


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APPROVED November 17, 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

*Unanimous Consent*

**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

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**COMMUNITY AND OUTREACH**

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**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

*Unanimous / insert*

**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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**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

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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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