



UNIVERSITY OF IOWA STUDENT GOVERNMENT  
AND  
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS

A Resolution to Endorse the 2014-2015 Tuition Freeze, a State Workforce Pipeline, and a Graduate and Professional Student Loan Tax Incentive

Joint UISG-ECGPS Resolution 4

Submitted by: Senator Bell on behalf President Valde, President Gillig, Governmental Relations Liaison Brown and the Governmental Relations Committee

Joint UISG-ECGPS Action: **Passed**

October 1, 2013

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**AN ACT**, relating to the tuition freeze proposed by President Mason and suggested by the Board of Regents President Bruce Rastetter, the state workforce pipeline database connecting new University of Iowa graduates with state workforce needs, and the graduate and professional tax incentive of student loan payments for graduates who take jobs in at-need areas in Iowa; and

**WHEREAS**, the official name of this legislation shall be A Resolution to Endorse the 2014-2015 Tuition Freeze, a State Workforce Pipeline, and a Graduate and Professional Student Loan Tax Incentive; and

**WHEREAS**, the support from the University of Iowa Student Government and Executive Council of Graduate and Professional Students would help the proposal move towards implementation; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed resident tuition freeze would keep in-state tuition frozen at the 2013-2014 rate and would help maintain the University of Iowa's competitive edge by offering continually affordable tuition rates; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the resident tuition freeze the University of Iowa will continue to provide a top-ranked, affordable education focused on high academic rankings, moderate pricing, and a high quality of student life; and

**WHEREAS**, with the ever changing economic climate, it is continually important to keep tuition as low as possible while maintaining the quality of education of the University of Iowa; and

**WHEREAS**, increasing numbers of professionals such as doctors, dentists, pharmacists, and nurses

are retiring across the state of Iowa; and

**WHEREAS**, too few graduate of Iowa's public universities, including the University of Iowa remain in the state and contribute to state economic development after graduation; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed state workforce pipeline would connect recently graduated doctors, nurses, dentists, pharmacists, lawyers, public health administrators, teachers, and other professionals to the state of Iowa's at-need communities by coordinating a database of in-state work opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed tax credit for graduate and professional student loan payments would help keep Iowa-educated alumni in at-need areas in the state of Iowa;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that UISG and ECGPS urge the State of Iowa Legislature and Governor to approve Board of Regents President Bruce Rastetter's suggestion of a 4.0% funding increase for Fiscal Year 2015, and supports the construction of the State Workforce Pipeline, and requests that the State of Iowa Legislature and Governor allocate the necessary funds for the tax credit; and

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, UISG and ECGPS urge the Regents to keep graduate and professional tuition and fees at the lowest rates practicable; and

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, UISG and ECGPS endorse the proposed resident Tuition Freeze, State Workforce Pipeline, and the Graduate and Professional Student Loan Tax Incentive; and

**SO BE IT ENACTED**, by the University of Iowa Student Government and Executive Council of Graduate and Professional Students.

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SPEAKER OF THE SENATE  
Saranya Subramanian

*I hereby attest and certify that this bill originated in the University of Iowa Student Government and Executive Council of Graduate and Professional Students (UISG-ECGPS) during the 2013-2014 Student Senate Session and is known as UISG-ECGPS- Joint Resolution – 4*

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SECRETARY OF THE SENATE  
Casandra Crose

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF ECGPS  
Anna Hardin

APPROVED **October 1, 2013**

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UISG PRESIDENT  
Katherine Valde

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ECGPS PRESIDENT  
Ben Gillig

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY  
GOVERNMENT OF THE STUDENT BODY

SENATE MEETING OCTOBER 2, 2013

SENATE ORDER 2013-2-044 SR

- TITLE: Supporting the Partnership for Student Affordability
- WHEREAS: For the first time since 1975, the Board of Regents, State of Iowa has proposed a tuition freeze for the second consecutive year for resident undergraduate students at Iowa State University, and
- WHEREAS: To achieve this historic goal, the Board of Regents has asked Governor Branstad and the Iowa Legislature to join the Partnership for Student Affordability, which would allow for a 4% funding increase for Iowa State University, and
- WHEREAS: This funding increase would allow Iowa State University to meet inflationary pressures, continue improving retention and graduation rates, reduce student debt, and improve administrative efficiencies, be it therefore
- RESOLVED: That the students of Iowa State University support the Board of Regents, State of Iowa proposal to freeze tuition for resident undergraduate students, and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the students of Iowa State University support the Partnership for Student Affordability and ask Governor Branstad and the Iowa Legislature to join the partnership and approve a 4% funding increase for Iowa State, and be it further
- RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Branstad's office, the offices of the Boone County and Story County representatives in both the Iowa House of Representatives and Iowa Senate, and the majority party leadership and minority party leadership in both the Iowa House of Representatives and the Iowa Senate.

October 2, 2013

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SSR 2014-05

A Resolution for: Support of a Proposed Tuition Freeze

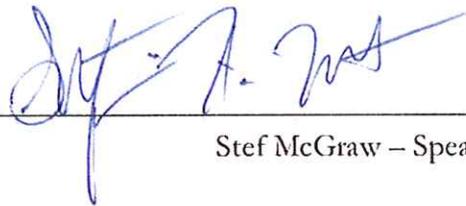
Sponsored by: Speaker McGraw

First Reading: September 25, 2013

Second Reading: October 2, 2013

Vote: 10-3-0

Speaker Action:



Stef McGraw – Speaker

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Date

**WHEREAS:** tuition is a matter of significant importance to the Northern Iowa Student Government Senate and the student body at the University of Northern Iowa; and

**WHEREAS:** tuition is often increased each year to support increases in the costs of salaries, services, and materials used to facilitate higher education; and

**RECOGNIZING:** the Iowa Board of Regents supports a freeze on in-state tuition for the second year in a row for the 2014-2015 academic year; and

**FURTHER RECOGNIZING:** that according to the Board of Regents' agenda item 7 from the September 10-11 2013 meeting, "FY 2015 OPERATING AND OTHER FUND APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS," their higher education request includes:

"Continuation of FY 2014 recurring appropriations of \$479.2 million;  
Special funding for fiscal stabilization of \$10 million for UNI;  
Incremental funding increase of 4%, \$19.6 million, to support investment in Student Affordability efforts"; and

**RECOGNIZING:** that 90.7% of the undergraduate student population at the University of Northern Iowa is comprised of residents of the State of Iowa; and

**FURTHER RECOGNIZING:** that the University of Northern Iowa is in a unique financial position amongst the Regent Institutions due to this fact; and

**FURTHER RECOGNIZING:** that increases in tuition place a burden on the students who are educated at the University of Northern Iowa and their parents; and

**FURTHER RECOGNIZING:** that the University of Northern Iowa will require additional financial support in appropriations in order to maintain the high quality of education at this university; and

**RECOGNIZING IN CONTRAST:** that an increase in tuition adds to the financial burden already associated with receiving an education at the University of Northern Iowa; and

**FURTHER RECOGNIZING IN CONTRAST:** that the future financial stability of the University of Northern Iowa, and subsequently the stability of the learning environment, should be taken into consideration when making decisions about current budget matters; and

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:** that if the Board of Regents' funding recommendations for the University of Northern Iowa are approved by the Iowa legislature, then the Northern Iowa Student Government Senate recommends and supports a proposed tuition freeze for the 2014-2015 academic year; and

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:** a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Members of the Board of Regents, State of Iowa; Executive Director of the Board of Regents Robert Donley; Governor Terry Branstad; President of the Senate Pam Jochum; Speaker of the House Kraig Paulsen; UNI President Bill Ruud; UNI Provost Gloria Gibson; UNI President of the Student Body Thomas Madsen; and all applicable media outlets.