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Subject: University of Northern Iowa Tuition Resolution

Regents,

The attached resolution is from the UNI undergraduate student government.

Let me know if you have questions.

Regards,

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A Resolution for: Tuition Freezes and State Funding to UNI

Sponsored by: External Relations Committee

First Reading: November 5, 2014

Second Reading: November 12, 2014

Vote: 17-0-0

Speaker Action: _____
Eric Boisen – Speaker Date

WHEREAS: Consideration of student opinions is necessary when discussing funding issues that directly affect students and the University, particularly issues regarding tuition; and

WHEREAS: The Northern Iowa Student Government (NISG) Senate represents the interests of the student body at the University of Northern Iowa (UNI); and,

RECOGNIZING: That last year, the NISG Senate passed a resolution indicating that they would support a tuition freeze if, and only if, the state legislature allocated UNI sufficient funding to cover the financial implications of such action; and

RECOGNIZING: That if UNI has to endure a third tuition freeze, without adequate funding, the University will be at a large disadvantage and may have to make more drastic cuts; and

FURTHER RECOGNIZING: That UNI has failed to receive adequate funding each year there has been a tuition freeze to cover the University's expenses, and even with the allocation of the maximum amount of state appropriations requested this year, there will still be a shortfall in covering projected expenses; and

FURTHER RECOGNIZING: That tuition freezes affect UNI more significantly than our sister institutions, as it is the state university with the highest percentage of in-state students; and

FURTHER RECOGNIZING: That UNI needs a more stable and consistent way to receive funding each year, allowing the University to adequately plan for its expenses; and

FURTHER RECOGNIZING: That after reviewing the Performance-Based Revenue Model approved by the Iowa Board of Regents on June 4, 2014, the NISG Senate believes this funding model provides the best solution regarding state funding for UNI; however, the NISG Senate does have some apprehension regarding the progress and attainment metrics, with the concern that such metrics could decrease the rigor of academic offerings at the University, and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: That the NISG Senate supports a consistent, gradual tuition increase, as well as additional state appropriations, to help students and the University plan for their futures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the NISG Senate does not support a third-year tuition freeze, citing many years of inadequate funding, as students value the quality of education currently offered at the University and are willing to bear the burden of a small increase in tuition to retain that quality; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the NISG Senate generally supports the Performance Based Revenue Model proposed and approved by the Iowa Board of Regents on June 4, 2014, and thanks the Iowa Board of Regents for making an effort to more fairly fund our University; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be sent to UNI President Bill Ruud, Iowa Board of Regents' President Bruce Rastetter, the Iowa Board of Regents as a whole, Iowa Governor Terry Branstad, Iowa Speaker of the House Kraig Paulson, Iowa President of the Senate Pam Jochum, KWWL, the Des Moines Register, the Waterloo Courier, and any other interested party at the discretion of the Speaker.