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To whom it may concern,

On the evening of October 24<sup>th</sup> 2012 at the regular meeting of the Northern Iowa Student Government Student Senate, the Senate hosted its second reading of Student Senate Resolution 2013-09 entitled "Support of a Proposed Tuition Freeze." This resolution was produced by Senator Parker in an effort to lend support to the proposed tuition freeze being considered by the State of Iowa Board of Regents.

After much debate surrounding this resolution and the consideration of the opinions of constituents of the Student Senators, the Student Senate voted this resolution down in a vote of 3-13-0. Much of the hesitation in supporting this resolution derived from Senators feeling as though freezing tuition while good in the short term for students, would be a large gamble for the University of Northern Iowa as we would then become even more reliant on the next 4 million dollar special state appropriation, as well on the assistance of the State of Iowa as tuition set aside reaches a resolution in the future.

While students do express great concerns towards annual tuition increases and strongly voice their desires for greater state assistance, they place a priority on ensuring that the University of Northern Iowa continue to have the resources needed to function as the institution it desires to be and to provide the highest quality education to its students.


Please take the concerns of the Northern Iowa Student Government Student Senate into strong consideration as you review, voice opinions and make decisions pertaining to the proposed tuition freeze for the next academic year.

Northern Iowa Student Government

1 SSR 2013-09  
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3 A Resolution for: Support of a Proposed Tuition Freeze  
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5 Sponsored by: Senator Parker  
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7 First Reading: October 17, 2012  
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9 Second Reading: October 24, 2012  
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11 Vote: 3-13-0  
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13 Speaker Action: *Failed*  *10/24/2012*  
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15 Jared Parker – Speaker Date

16 **WHEREAS:** tuition is a matter of significant importance to the Northern Iowa Student  
17 Government Senate and the student body at the University of Northern Iowa; and  
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19 **WHEREAS:** tuition is often increased each year to support increases in the costs of salaries,  
20 services, and materials used to facilitate higher education; and  
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22 **WHEREAS:** the Iowa Board of Regents will be examining a proposal for a freeze on in-state  
23 tuition for the 2013-2014 academic year; and  
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25 **RECOGNIZING:** that 91% of the student population at the University of Northern Iowa is  
26 comprised of residents of the State of Iowa; and  
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28 **FURTHER RECOGNIZING:** that the University of Northern Iowa is in a unique position  
29 financially amongst the Regent Institutions due to this fact; and  
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31 **FURTHER RECOGNIZING:** increases in tuition place an ever burgeoning burden on the  
32 students who educate at the University of Northern Iowa and their parents; and  
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34 **FURTHER RECOGNIZING:** that the University of Northern Iowa will require additional  
35 financial support in appropriations in order to maintain the high quality of education at this  
36 university; and  
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38 **RECOGNIZING IN CONTRAST:** that an increase in tuition adds to the financial burden  
39 already associated with receiving an education at the University of Northern Iowa; and

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41 **FURTHER RECOGNIZING IN CONTRAST:** that the future financial stability of the  
42 University of Northern Iowa, and subsequently the stability of the learning environment, should be  
43 taken into consideration when making decisions about current budget matters; and  
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45 **BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:** that if additional financial support is awarded to the  
46 University of Northern Iowa, then the Northern Iowa Student Government Senate recommends  
47 and supports a proposed tuition freeze for the 2013-2014 academic year; and  
  
48 **BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:** a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Members of  
49 the Board of Regents, State of Iowa; Executive Director of the Board of Regents Robert Donley;  
50 Governor Terry Branstad; President of the Senate Jack Kibbie; Speaker of the House Kraig Paulsen;  
51 UNI President Benjamin Allen; UNI Provost Gloria Gibson; UNI President of the Student Body  
52 Jordan Bancroft-Smithe; and all applicable media outlets.  
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