

# JOINT STUDENT GOVERNMENTS

## Annual Joint Student Governments Session

### J.R. 3

Sponsor: UISG Senator Lindsey Rayner and GPSG Delegate Husam Atari

Referred to the Student Life Committee

Joint Senate Action: Passed/Failed/Tabled

### A Resolution

In support in increased transparency of current and proposed tuition dollar allocations

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1    **Section 1. Short Title**

2    This resolution may be cited as the “Resolution on Tuition Dollar Allocation  
3    Transparency”

4    **Section 2. Stance on Tuition Increase**

5    Due to decreasing State appropriations to the University of Iowa, tuition for all UI  
6    students has increased dramatically over the last several years, particularly for  
7    non-resident and graduate and professional students. UISG and GPSG support  
8    tuition increases to provide supplemental revenue to the UI provided that the UI  
9    administration continues to invest in alternative revenue streams as well as  
10   adequately communicate with UISG and GPSG to ensure that tuition increases are  
11   balanced with the affordability of higher education to our constituency.

12   **Section 3. Stipulations on the Stance on Tuition Increase**

13   To this end, UISG and GPSG support that the UI administration:

14        1.) *Collaborate with UISG and GPSG executives throughout the tuition proposal*  
15        *process*

16                We encourage communication and collaboration from UI  
17                administration with UISG and GPSG student leaders at least one  
18                month prior to the October Board of Regents (BOR) meeting each year  
19                at which the first reading of tuition and fee rates occurs. Earlier  
20                communication with the student governments will provide ample time  
21                for each year’s newly elected student leaders to better understand the  
22                complex issues underlying proposals for increased tuition. Conversely,  
23                and importantly, it will ensure that UI students, who are funding any  
24                tuition increase, are ensured an adequate opportunity to have their  
25                voice incorporated into the tuition proposal process.

26        2.) *Increase transparency in regards to the allocation of tuition dollars*

27 We support the release of, by UI administration, a detailed account for  
28 the full allocations of student's current tuition dollars to be released no  
29 later than May 2017. Additionally, we support the release of, by UI  
30 administration, a detailed account for the proposed allocations before  
31 any tuition increase to be released no later than two weeks prior to the  
32 October BOR meeting each year. We fully support this documentation  
33 being provided publicly on the UI website such that all students have  
34 equal and open access to this information.

35 **Section 4. Support of Action by University of Iowa Administrators**

36 With the understanding of the stipulations provided: Now, therefore, be it

37 *Resolved*, UISG and GPSG fully support any and all attempts made by the  
38 UI administration to increase collaboration with UISG and GPSG throughout  
39 the tuition proposal process as well as any and all attempts to increase the  
40 transparency of all current and proposed tuition dollar allocations.

\_\_\_\_\_, **Speaker of the Senate**  
Titus Hou

*I hereby attest and certify that this resolution originated from the 2016-2017 Joint Governments Session.*

\_\_\_\_\_, **Secretary**  
Sheng Hao Lu

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