



**UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

15th Session – October 11, 2022

GPSG

D.R. #3

Sponsor: Rhianna Lightle, Iowa Student Bar Association **Delegate**, on behalf of President, Amber Crow.

GPSG Action: Passed Failed Tabled

A RESOLUTION

A resolution on Graduate and Professional Student Government’s (GPSG) fee proposal for the Iowa Memorial Union (IMU) renovations.

Section 1. Short Title

This resolution may be cited as “Resolution on the GPSG IMU Renovation Fee Proposal”.

Section 2. Background and Discussion

WHEREAS, The 2008 flood created over \$1 billion in damages across the University of Iowa campus.¹

WHEREAS, The Memorial Union (IMU) incurred over \$6 million in damages during the flood. Flooding of the entire ground floor led to the loss of over 83,000 square feet including the food court, bookstore, and student lounge areas.²

WHEREAS, The University of Iowa received approximately \$6.5 million in aid from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to restore the IMU to its previous state, but no further improvements could be made until September 2021.²

WHEREAS, Restoration of the IMU from FEMA funding began in January 2012 and ended in May 2015.¹

¹. <https://iowaenvironmentalfocus.org/2012/01/04/fema-awards-6-5-billion-for-post-flood-renovations-at-imu/>

². <https://imu.uiowa.edu/imu-recovery>

³. <https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/floods>

WHEREAS, FEMA aid restrictions on improvements to the IMU became obsolete as of September 2021 sparking internal conversations about renovations to the IMU space in accordance with changing student space needs.²

WHEREAS, Former USG President Connor Wooff (2020-2021 Administration) and former GPSG President Mackenzie Graham (2020-2021 Administration) committed University of Iowa students to an additional \$100 (minimum) building fee to pay for the IMU renovations beginning with the entering class (Class of 2028) of the 2024-2025 academic year.

WHEREAS, The University of Iowa Director of Campus Planning requested in May 2022 that USG and GPSG support an increase in the building fee in order to increase the flexibility in the planning and renovations in the IMU.

WHEREAS, Student mental health and well-being is a priority of both the University of Iowa (as per the 2022 strategic plan) and University of Iowa Student Government (UISG) and the renovation of this space directly aligns with this priority.

WHEREAS, Increasing the fee to \$120 allows for the UI Campus Planning to address both the architectural needs of the building and student needs within the space.

Section 3. Action

Be it Resolved, GPSG, with USG, jointly supports the renovation of the IMU space in order to better the student experience in terms of well-being and for the improvement of space used by undergraduate, graduate, and professional students as well as student organizations.

Therefore, be it resolved, University of Iowa Graduate and Professional Student Government (GPSG) supports a raise from a \$100 fee to a \$120 fee for the IMU renovations.

Section 4. Enactment Clause

Be it enacted by the Graduate and Professional Student Government upon the signature of the GPSG President that this Resolution will be sent to Iowa Board of Regents along with a letter from the joint UISG entity signed by USG President Patrick Johnson, USG Vice President Vera Barkosky, GPSG President Amber Crow, and GPSG Vice President Riley Post.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF:

Cabinet Director

APPROVED:

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GPSG President

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