



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

**15th Session – January 31, 2023**

**GPSG**

**D.B. #9**

Sponsor: Iowa Student Bar Association Delegate Riley Truax on behalf of Physical Health and Safety Director Erin Sullivan.

GPSG Action: **Passed** Failed/Tabled

**AN ACT**

Regarding funding allocations for The Food Pantry at Iowa

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**Section 1: Short Title**

“Allocation of Funds for The Food Pantry at Iowa”

**Section 2: Discussion**

**WHEREAS**, The Food Pantry at Iowa is a student-run organization at the University of Iowa which aims to provide resources for food insecure students, faculty, and staff as well as raise awareness of food insecurity;

**WHEREAS**, in the 2021-2022 academic year, the Food Pantry at Iowa saw 4,572 unique visits from university undergraduate students, graduate and professional students, and staff;

**WHEREAS**, in the 2021-2022 academic year, the Food Pantry distributed 98,916 lbs. of food;

**WHEREAS**, the food pantry's pounds of food distributed increased 42% from the 2020-2021 academic year to the 2021-2022 academic year, and 452% from the 2019-2020 academic year to the 2020-2021 academic year;

**WHEREAS**, according to the University of Iowa Division of Student Life Graduate and Professional Student Needs Assessment, 5.3% of student respondents reported they went without food in the prior month, and 60% of food distributed by the food pantry was disbursed to this population;

**WHEREAS**, 70% of student visitors identified as a race other than white, and volunteers have observed high demand for culturally diverse foods which require a larger budget due to importation costs;

**WHEREAS**, Food Pantry volunteers have observed that the existing food supply is insufficient to meet our community's level of need and keep food on their shelves throughout the week, rendering the Food Pantry incapable of fulfilling its primary purpose of distributing food to students and staff experiencing food insecurity;

**WHEREAS**, The Food Pantry at Iowa estimates they will need to increase their food supply by 50% this academic year to meet demand; and,

**WHEREAS**, very low food security is associated with increased levels of depression, anxiety, and stress among students.

### **Section 3: Action**

***Be it Enacted***, the sum of \$1,500 is hereby allocated to The Food Pantry at Iowa, to be used for the purchase of food and other necessary items to support the organization's mission of providing food assistance to students, faculty and staff at The University of Iowa who are in need.

### **Section 4: Enactment Clause**

**THEREFORE**, be it enacted by the University of Iowa Graduate and Professional Student Government upon the signature of the President.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF:

Cabinet Director

Grace Bryant

APPROVED:

Amber D. Crow

GPSG President

January 31, 2023

Date