

Graduate and Professional Student Government

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT GOVERNMENT

18th Session October 7, 2025 D.B. #3

Sponsor: Patrick Johnson, Finance Director

GPSG Action: Passed

A BILL

GPSG commits to providing the Food Pantry at Iowa with an additional \$10,000.00 for FY26.

Section 1: Short Title

This bill may be cited as "Food Pantry FY26 Supplement"

Section 2: Discussion

WHEREAS, "the Food Pantry at Iowa provides free nutritious food and basic necessities for University of Iowa students, graduate and professional students, postdocs, staff, and faculty" (Food Pantry at Iowa, n.d.);

WHEREAS, "Food accessibility and affordability is important for college students to survive, maintain a healthy lifestyle, and to concentrate in classes" (Food Pantry at Iowa, n.d.);

WHEREAS, Graduate and Professional students are consistently the top demographic utilizing the Food Pantry;

WHEREAS, USG and GPSG are in year 3 of a 5-year commitment to fund the Food Pantry with \$60,000.00 in "Off the Top" funding annually;

WHEREAS, Food Pantry utilizes their "Off the Top" allocation, in conjunction with additional sources of funding, fully each year to fulfill their mission;

WHEREAS, the 2025-2026 GPSG administration has made it a priority to support programming and services that help graduate and professional students access basic needs;

WHEREAS, the GPSG FY26 Contingency Spend-Down Plan prioritizes additional support to the Food Pantry in order to further GPSG's commitment to supporting Graduate and Professional students;

WHEREAS, any GPSG spending in excess of \$1,500.00 must be voted on for approval by the GPSG delegates;

WHEREAS, GPSG's Contingency Account for FY26 is in a position that enables GPSG to allocate additional financial resources to support student services;

WHEREAS, GPSG intends that this block of funding to the Food Pantry will last beyond the 2025-2026 academic year. GPSG recommends that these funds are used in gradual amounts over the coming 4 fiscal years in consistent amounts;

Section 3: Action

Therefore, be it Resolved, GPSG will allocate \$10,000.00 from its Contingency Account to the Food Pantry for FY26.

Section 4: Enactment

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF:

Nanle Gusen, Cabinet Director

APPROVED:

Abigail Crabtree President