



**Graduate and Professional
Student Government**

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

**18th Session
January 27, 2026
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Sponsor: GPSG Physical Health and Safety Director, Jacob Payne & CPHGSA Delegate
Maxwell Hansen
GPSG Action: Passed

A RESOLUTION

To express GPSG’s support for additional late-night transit options for graduate and professional students following the Fall 2025 Nite Ride model changes.

Section 1: Short Title

This resolution may be cited as “Support for Additional Late-Night Transit Options.”

Section 2: Discussion

WHEREAS, the Nite Ride Express service historically provided a safe, free, and reliable late-night transportation option for University of Iowa students; and

WHEREAS Nite Ride Express was particularly valuable to women and students who did not have their own vehicle and who felt unsafe walking alone at night; and

WHEREAS, as of Aug 15, 2025, the Nite Ride service was restructured into a two-bus fixed-route model operating from 9 p.m. to 4 a.m., discontinuing the previous Nite Ride Express system that many students used; and

WHEREAS, these recent changes were intended to align with student feedback but remove a service used regularly by graduate and professional students, some who have teaching and

proctoring assignments after 9 p.m. and many who work late hours in laboratories, libraries, and hospitals; and,

WHEREAS, many graduate and professional students, particularly those living off-campus (e.g., Benton St, Oakcrest St, etc.) or at Aspire, now report feeling unsafe traveling at night and find limited or no reliable transportation alternatives following the changes; and

WHEREAS, GPSG has met with Campus Safety, members of the President's Cabinet, and the Division of Student Life about the concerns and unmet needs expressed by graduate and professional students; and,

WHEREAS, GPSG, Campus Safety, the Division of Student Life, and the President's Office are implementing a pilot program for a shuttle to Aspire during Nite Ride operating hours for the Spring 2026 semester in response to these concerns; and,

WHEREAS, GPSG is collecting additional information and data during the 2025-2026 academic year about graduate and professional students' unmet late-night transit needs.

Section 3: Action

Be it Resolved, GPSG supports identifying and exploring additional late-night transportation options for graduate and professional students; and,

Be it Resolved, GPSG encourages Campus Safety to conduct a full assessment of ridership for the Spring 2026 Aspire Shuttle pilot program and share the records with GPSG leadership, Parking and Transportation, and other relevant campus departments; and,

Be it Resolved, GPSG encourages Parking and Transportation to review ridership records for from the Spring 2026 Aspire Shuttle pilot program and adjust transportation services to meet any unaddressed demand; and,

Be it Resolved, GPSG encourages Campus Safety, Parking and Transportation, and other relevant campus departments to consider additional options for improving service for graduate and professional students, including but not limited to re-establishing Nite Ride Express for a fee, establishing Nite Ride routes on the west side of the campus, increasing the frequency of Cambus route #43, Hawkeye Interdorm to every half an hour, and extending the service hours of Cambus On-Demand to operate on Main Campus from 9 PM to 12 Midnight during the semester and on weekends; and,

Therefore, be it Resolved, that the University of Iowa Graduate and Professional Student Government will continue to collaborate with Campus Safety, Parking and Transportation, and other partners to review transportation needs for graduate and professional students and communicate any unmet needs in the Fall 2026 semester and beyond.

Section 4: Enactment

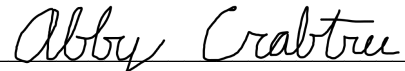
THEREFORE, be it enacted by the University of Iowa Graduate and Professional Student Government upon the signature of the President.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF:



Nanle Gusen, Cabinet Director

APPROVED:



Abigail Crabtree, President

1/27/2026

Date