



**Undergraduate
Student Government**

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

**October 4th, 2022
Student Senate Session
S.S.R. #3**

Sponsors: Senator Springer, Senator Thayer
Referred to: Finance Committee, Student Life Committee
Student Senate Action:

A RESOLUTION

A resolution on Undergraduate Student Government’s fee proposal for the Iowa Memorial Union (IMU) renovations.

Section 1. Short Title

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

Section 2. Background and Discussion

Whereas, The 2008 flood created over 1 billion dollars in damages across the University of Iowa campus.¹

Whereas, The Memorial Union (IMU) incurred over six million dollars 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 dollars 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, 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 Undergraduate Student Government (USG) 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, USG 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 and housing student organizations.

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

Section 4. Enactment Clause

Be it enacted by the Undergraduate Student Government upon the signature of the USG 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.

Alexis Carfrae

Speaker of the Senate
Alexis Carfrae


I hereby attest and certify that this resolution originated from the 2022-2023 Student Senate Session.

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APPROVED on 10/4/22, by



USG President
Patrick Johnson

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