



**Undergraduate
Student Government**

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

**December 6th, 2022
Student Senate Session
S.S.B. #15**

Sponsors: Senator Akey
Referred to: Finance Committee
Student Senate Action: **Passed**/Failed/Tabled

AN ACT

Allocating \$35,000 from USG Contingency to support the restorative training sessions required to integrate restorative practices into the Office of Student Accountability.

Section 1. Short Title

This resolution may be cited as “USG Support for the Restorative Justice Program”.

Section 2. Background and Discussion

The Reimagining Campus Safety Action Committee indicates that the Office of Student Accountability (OSA) will incorporate restorative justice practices. However, there was not an increase in funding provided to assist with this process. In order to integrate restorative practices, the staff of the Office of Student Accountability requires in-depth training to ensure that additional harm is not caused during the process.

Restorative justice is a way for an individual to take responsibility for any harm they may have caused to another individual or a community. Restorative practices allow for all parties involved (victim, offender, and community) to process how the harm can be restored. This practice is driven by inclusive decision-making, active accountability, repairing harm, and rebuilding trust. Restorative justice allows for a greater sense of ownership of the problem and participation in its solution, resulting in a stronger sense of community and individual empowerment.

By implementing restorative practices, the OSA can increase awareness of how an individual’s actions can affect a community, which will result in decreased disciplinary concerns. This will allow for the opportunity for victims to act as an active participant in the outcome. Furthermore, these practices will promote open dialogue and healing, as well as shift the focus to the

community as invested in addressing harm. These practices can be utilized in discipline, as well as other areas.

USG fully supports restorative practices in the Office of Student Accountability and is emphasizing this support through its contribution to the training of staff members.

Section 3. Budget

Line Item	Cost
USG Financial Support of the Restorative Justice Program	\$35,000

Section 4. Action

The University of Iowa Undergraduate Student Government will allocate \$35,000 from its FY23 Contingency account to support the Restorative Justice Program.

Section 5. Enactment Clause

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

Alexis Carfrae
_____, **Speaker of the Senate**
Alexis Carfrae

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

APPROVED on 12/6/22, by

Patrick Johnson
_____, **USG President**
Patrick Johnson