



**Undergraduate  
Student Government**

**UNIVERSITY OF IOWA STUDENT GOVERNMENT  
Legislative Session 2022-2023  
Student Senate  
S.S.R.5**

Sponsors: Senator Behning, Senator Qidwai  
Referred to: Sustainability Committee and Academic Affairs Committee  
Student Senate Action: Passed/Failed/Tabled

**A RESOLUTION**

On the subject of reaffirming Undergraduate Student Government’s support of all colleges adopting a sustainability general education requirement or sustainability-focused course requirement.

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**Section 1. Short Title**

This resolution may be cited as “Supporting Adoption of a Sustainability General Education Requirement.”

**Section 2. Background and Discussion**

**Whereas**, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences has already enforced a sustainability general education requirement, effective beginning with students entering college in the Fall 2022 semester.

**Whereas**, President Wilson’s 2022-2027 Strategic Plan outlines the mission to “Further integrate sustainability into the university’s teaching, research, and public engagement missions as well as its operations” (“Transformative societal impact,” p. 13, D.1.).

**Whereas**, this Strategic Plan includes the goal—as one of its Targeted Progress Indicators—for 75% of undergraduate students to have completed a sustainability-focused course by 2027.

**Whereas**, the implementation of a sustainability general education course requirement within each University college, in addition to CLAS, would meet this target set by the University.

**Whereas**, Undergraduate Student Government previously passed a resolution (S.S.R. #7) in the 2021-2022 term to emphasize our support for the implementation of a sustainability general education requirement of all colleges.

**Whereas**, sustainability is an increasingly vital aspect of all career fields and areas of study, on-campus, in Iowa City, nationally, and internationally, and therefore, all students would benefit from a foundational background in sustainability.

**Whereas**, the University of Iowa is a leading research university and excels in science innovation, areas of which sustainability is incredibly applicable.

### **Section 3. Action**

**Resolved**, the Undergraduate Student Government calls for all undergraduate colleges to adapt their academic schedules to include a sustainability general education requirement or sustainability-focused course within the next year in order to meet the objectives outlined in the University's Strategic Plan and meet the individual course needs of their students.

**Resolved**, the Undergraduate Student Government urges other colleges to follow suit in adopting a sustainability-focused course, as the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences has already done.

**Therefore be it resolved**, this resolution will be sent to the Office of the Dean of the College of Education, the Office of the Dean of the College of Engineering, the Office of the Dean of College of Nursing, the Office of the College of Public Health, and the Office of the Dean of the Tippie College of Business, and members of the Undergraduate Student Government shall pursue meetings with each college dean in order to further encourage adoption of sustainability-focused courses.

### **Section 4. Enactment Clause**

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

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*Alexis Carfrae*

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Alexis Carfrae

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

APPROVED on 10/11 \_\_\_\_\_, by

*Patrick Johnson*

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Patrick Johnson