



**Undergraduate
Student Government**

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

**March 28th, 2023
Student Senate Session
S.S.B. #30**

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

AN ACT

Allocating \$15,000 from the USG Contingency Fund to sponsor the University of Iowa Lecture Committee’s Fall 2023 Kendra Scott lecture event.

Section 1. Short Title

This bill may be cited as “USG Support for the University Lecture Committee Kendra Scott Lecture.”

Section 2. Background

University Lecture Committee is a presidential charter committee at the University of Iowa. University Lecture Committee’s (ULC) mission is to presents an intellectually diverse program that brings the broader University of Iowa communities face-to-face with the world's notable thinkers. For more than 50 years, ULC speakers have included an impressive roster of national and international figures in science, politics, business, human rights, law, and the arts. Each year the University hosts from 6 to 10 thought-provoking lectures. These events help enrich Iowa's academic environment and enhance its reputation as a prestigious Big Ten university. All lecture events that ULC plans are free for anyone to attend, which means that ULC does not receive any revenue from their events.

ULC members plan events by researching lecturers, voting on speakers to bring to campus, negotiating offers with speaker agencies, and coordinating logistics for lecture events. Currently, the University Lecture Committee receives an annual total sum of \$100,000 from the Student Activity Fee in the form of the USG Operational Budget. This sum is the main source of funding for ULC. Today, typical speaking costs of a single lecturer are around \$50,000-\$100,000 alone. ULC has relied on asking for donations from other University of Iowa departments, campus

partners, and Iowa City community organizations for each individual speaking event to host the speakers that come to campus.

This legislation would support the University Lecture Committee by sponsoring the Kendra Scott Fall 2023 lecture event speaker deposit. Many speaking agencies require a 50% deposit to be put down months in advance when planning a larger speaking event. As the committee is currently working with Kendra Scott's agent, a \$30,000 deposit is required to be paid in Spring 2023 in order to plan the event for Fall 2023. Therefore, this legislation is being presented now as the deposit money would be spent this fiscal year.

Section 3. Budget

Line Item	Cost
USG Financial Support for the Kendra Scott Lecture Event Deposit for a Fall 2023 Lecture Event	\$15,000

Section 4. 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 3/28/23, by

Patrick Johnson, **USG President**
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