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Fall 2016 Mid-Semester Report

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The University of Iowa Student Government: Our Mission

About

The University of Iowa Student Government is committed to enhancing the student experience on campus. By challenging ourselves and the University we seek to ensure a student-centered environment through education and advocacy.

Purpose

The University of Iowa Student Government, at its core, exists to empower students. One of the most notable roles of UISG is allocating approximately \$1.7 million from the student activity fee to fund student organizations, leadership development, and student services. We seek to ensure a student-centered environment through education and advocacy by challenging ourselves and the University. UISG consists of three branches: Executive, Legislative, and Judicial.

Outside of funding allocations and lobbying for student concerns at the local, state, and national level, UISG Representatives work to make the everyday student experience more enjoyable.

This year, per the BLOC Party platform, we are working to better lives on campus. This report is to inform the UI community about UISG, our initiatives, and our progress so far.

Meet UISG: Executive Branch

The Executive Branch serves students as direct advocates with administration, within the community, and at the state and federal levels. Executives are charged with completing specific platform initiatives, resolving campus issues and representing students through completed projects.

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Meet UISG: Legislative Branch

The Senate works in open sessions to pass legislation regarding issues of funding, pertinent student concerns, and campus projects. Senators work with the Executive Branch to complete platform initiatives and generate fresh ideas through Senate committees. These nine committees are vital to the discussion and creation of awareness campaigns, education platforms, and policy change. Senate meetings are held Tuesdays at 7 PM in 2520D UCC and students and community members are encouraged to attend.

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Meet UISG: Legislative Branch

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Senate Committees

Academic Affairs: This committee works on any initiatives related to improving the academic experience.

Community & Outreach: This committee works to engage the campus and Iowa City community in public projects benefiting both populations as well as spreading awareness about UISG and student activities.

Diversity: This committee works with multi-cultural student organizations and works to ensure a more inclusive environment on campus.

Governmental Relations: This committee supports the work of the University's Governmental Relations Office by putting students in contact with legislators and advocating for student needs. The committee also works hard to ensure student involvement in the election process.

Internal Affairs: The Internal Affairs Committee is devoted to making sure UISG as a unit functions as efficiently as possible so our organization can best serve students.

SABAC: The Student Assembly Budgeting and Allocating Committee (SABAC) is the funding committee of UISG that allocates Student Activity Fee money to student organizations on campus.

Safety: The Safety Committee advocates for student security and creates campaigns related to campus safety.

Student Life: The UISG Student Life Committee deals with any and all things relating to enhancing student life on campus.

Sustainability: The UISG Sustainability Committee works toward establishing a more sustainable campus by working with the Office of Sustainability and collaborating with other organizations on campus.

Meet UISG: Judicial Branch

The Judicial Branch is responsible for resolution of disputes between student organizations, adjudicating parking ticket appeals, and overseeing the UISG election process should issues arise. Justices serve as the final court of appeal for all other student judiciaries on campus.

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UISG Platform Initiatives and Projects

During the spring 2016 UISG elections, the BLOC party created a platform to serve students for the upcoming 2016-2017 school year. Below are the goals presented when running in the spring, and the progress we have made since being elected. The platform initiatives are divided into completed and in progress categories for clarity. There are a mix of Executives and Senators working on each project, and if you have any questions, we encourage you to contact the representatives responsible for its research and implementation.

Academics

In Progress

Common Spaces in Pentacrest Buildings

- **Description:** There are few spaces in the Pentacrest Buildings for students to study, yet a number of students spend a majority of their time in those buildings. We are working with UI administration to implement commons spaces in the Pentacrest buildings for the convenience of students and to build community among students with similar majors.
- **Executives Involved:** Michael Sylvester
- **Senators Involved:** Ojas Pradhan, Chloe Cable
- **Senate Committee:** Academic Affairs
- **Notes:** We have learned that some rooms in the Pentacrest area are available Monday – Thursday evenings, 6:30-10:00 pm. Rooms include 221 MLH, 118 MH, 224 NH, 219 PH, E146 AJB. We are in continued conversations about making study spaces available throughout the day.

Student Access to Course Evaluations

- **Description:** The results of (ACE) course evaluations are unusable by students, and we are working with UI administration to make this important information available for students. We also want to encourage the development of mid-semester course evaluations to make faculty aware of students' response to teaching practices.
- **Executives Involved:** Michael Sylvester, Jacob Simpson, Annabel Seeling
- **Senators Involved:** Chloe Cable, Lindsey Rayner
- **Senate Committee:** Academic Affairs
- **Notes:** The UISG Senate passed a resolution in support of student access to course evaluations. Proposals have been formed and presented to ITS, the Center for Teaching, Kathy Hall from CLAS, and members of the faculty senate.

Pre-Professional Prep Courses

- **Description:** Increasingly, Iowa students are choosing to continue their education after the completion of their undergraduate degree by attending law school, medical school or graduate school. Placement exams—like the GRE, MCAT, GMAT AND LSAT—often require extensive preparation. We work with faculty to provide placement exam preparatory classes.
- **Executives Involved:** Michael Sylvester, Sheng Hao Lu
- **Senators Involved:** Chloe Cable
- **Senate Committee:** Academic Affairs
- **Notes:** A proposal was formed and presented to Associate Provost Lon Moeller and the College of Pharmacy representative Richard Barajas. Both approved of the proposed idea, and further meetings will be set up to discuss how Iowa can model their courses off of other University programs already setup.

Textbook Affordability

- **Description:** According to the College Board, the average college student will be asked to spend more than \$1200 in textbooks and supplies this year. The BLOC Party will take measures to decrease the burden that textbooks can place on students. We will work with the University to better enforce requirements for early announcement of class textbook information and look for solutions for easier exchange of textbooks between University of Iowa students
- **Executives Involved:** Michael Sylvester
- **Senators Involved:** Paul Ruales, Chloe Cable, Alya Mohd, Taishen Di
- **Senate Committee:** Academic Affairs
- **Notes:** Bi-weekly meetings are set up with Bill Hockensmith of the Hawk Shop, and research of peer institution practices will be sent to him along with Associate Provost Lon Moeller. Meetings are set up with ITS to discuss possible advertisements of textbook deals on MyUI and ICON.

Mental Health Statement on Syllabi

- **Description:** Due to the hard work of members on our ticket, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recently updated its disability statement to include mental health, which will benefit students by clarifying what academic accommodations are available for students dealing with incidences related to mental health. We will encourage the other UI colleges to do the same so all faculty and students are aware of resources available for academic-related mental health concerns.
- **Executives Involved:** Michael Sylvester
- **Senators Involved:** Lindsey Rayner, Chloe Cable
- **Senate Committee:** Academic Affairs
- **Notes:** The Academic Affairs Committee put forward its proposal on the ideal format of the statement to Associate Provost Lon Moeller who will be reaching out to each college to eventually implement the new statement.

Diversity and Inclusion

Completed

International Student Tours at Orientation

- **Description:** UISG hopes to see international and domestic student orientation programs better integrated to encourage friendships between students from the beginning of their time on campus. We assisted with current efforts to gather volunteers to host tours for international students and have student leaders who are eager to talk about student life during Orientation Week.
- **Executives Involved:** Brian Leal
- **Senators involved:** Akash Bhalerao
- **Senate Committee:** Diversity
- **Notes:** Over the summer, we announced our plans to partner with U Iowa Associated Residence Halls (ARH), University of Iowa Admissions Office, and University of Iowa International Programs to offer campus tours during international student orientation for the first time. We also recruited current UI students to volunteer to accompany these tours to begin fostering friendships with incoming international students. Now we are in conversation with the same partners to ensure this is a sustainable program for years to come.

Cambus Route and Bus Stop for the Cultural and Resource Centers

- **Description:** The four cultural and resource centers on campuses provide a space for many students, staff, and faculty to find community and engage with one another. Due to their location on the west side of campus, many users find them hard to access. A new Cambus route was proposed to make the Centers more accessible to students.

- **Executives Involved:** Rachel Zuckerman, Lauren Freeman
- **Senate Committee:** N/A
- **Notes:** UISG worked with President Bruce Harreld and Parking & Transportation to implement the new Cambus route and stop. It serves as an important improvement for the students who use the cultural centers, as it increases accessibility for students wishing to maximize use of the facilities.

Trans-Inclusive Health Plans

- **Description:** For transgender individuals, a safe and timely transition, as prescribed by their physicians, is medically necessary. Studies show that it is more costly to withhold health insurance coverage for transition needs because of the high costs related to mental health, substance abuse help, etc. that accrue when individuals cannot transition appropriately. UISG worked to expand coverage for all transition health care needs.
- **Executives Involved:** N/A
- **Senators involved:** Sean Finn
- **Senate Committee:** N/A
- **Notes:** Thanks to the advocacy of students in and outside of UISG, the new health plan launched for the fall semester and is now available to anyone needing these services.

Preferred Pronouns and Preferred Names

- **Description:** The University changed record-keeping data to hold preferred names, pronouns, and gender as separate from sex. UISG worked to ensure this new practice was seen to completion and reflected in the way records are handled throughout UI.
- **Executives Involved:** N/A
- **Senators involved:** Sean Finn
- **Senate Committee:** N/A
- **Notes:** This change will set high standards for inclusivity and make Iowa a model for peer institutions in the Big Ten and across the nation.

Cultural Center Community Discussions with University Leadership

- **Description:** UISG and GPSG organized community discussions at all four Cultural and Resource Centers with President Harreld. This was an opportunity to engage in direct conversation with students who use the centers. It was a wonderful time to engage in productive dialogue about how we can work together to make our campus community more inclusive and how we can continue to improve the Centers.
- **Executives Involved:** Rachel Zuckerman, Lauren Freeman, Brian Leal
- **Senators involved:** Alya Mohd, Jessica Owens
- **Senate Committee:** N/A
- **Notes:** UISG members are currently working with a team of administrators to develop a plan to respond to the comprehensive list of concerns that we heard during the discussions.

In Progress

Removing Umbrella Structures

- **Description:** UISG would like to re-evaluate and improve the process for the selection of constituency senators. The goal is to ensure better representation of University of Iowa students by involving all pertinent student organizations in the Senator selection process. We hope this yields a more collaborative process that ensures the representation of all identities and fair resource allocation among multicultural groups.
- **Executives Involved:** Brian Leal
- **Senators Involved:** Alya Mohd, Brooke Kimbrough, Paul Ruales, Daniel Solon
- **Senate Committee:** Diversity
- **Notes:** UISG hosted a large group meeting in September to gather feedback on this issue. Brian Leal will continue to meet with communities to gather their thoughts on how we should move forward in a way that

best serves each community.

Increased Outreach to First Generation Students

- **Description:** The UI has a proud history of supporting first-generation college students. UISG hopes to continue and expand current efforts to provide first-generation students with career, academic and financial mentorship at Iowa.
- **Executives Involved:** Brian Leal, Sheng Hao Lu
- **Senators Involved:** Lillian Sanchez
- **Senate Committee:** Diversity
- **Notes:** UISG members are currently meeting with campus partners who support first generation students to learn more about where it would be valuable to expand services.

Comprehensive Plan for Cultural & Resource Centers

- **Description:** The four cultural and resource centers on the West Side of campus have the potential to be great resources for Iowa students. Last year, however, some of the cultural houses had leaking roofs, broken A/C, low staffing, short hours, and a general lack of upkeep. UISG plans to work with students who use the cultural houses to determine the best plan of action for the future of the houses. We will talk to student organization leaders who have stakes in the cultural centers to determine the best course of action for the future of the houses.
- **Executives Involved:** Rachel Zuckerman, Lauren Freeman, Brian Leal
- **Senators Involved:** N/A
- **Senate Committee:** Diversity
- **Notes:** Some major strides have been made on this initiative. Over the summer, UISG advocated for and successfully secured the support of administrators to make short-term, structural improvements in all four centers. These changes are intended to ensure that the houses are functional while we pursue a long-term plan with the communities that use the centers.

NCBI Training for UISG Members

- **Description:** UISG members are committed to being culturally competent leaders. All executives and many senators will participate in the National Coalition Building Institute.
- **Executives Involved:** Brian Leal
- **Senators Involved:** N/A
- **Senate Committee:** N/A
- **Notes:** UISG is working with CDO to establish dates for training.

Governmental Relations

In Progress

Lobby for Tuition Affordability

- **Description:** BLOC Party has continued UISG's long history of meeting with state and federal legislators to ensure representatives understand the value of a University of Iowa education. We continue to work to ensure UI students get the highest quality education for the most affordable price. We intend to see tuition at UI remain among the lowest in the Big Ten, while still guaranteeing the success of the University, our students and our faculty.
- **Executives Involved:** Rachel Zuckerman, Lauren Freeman, Andrew Namanny
- **Senate Committee:** N/A
- **Senate Leader:** N/A
- **Notes:** Over the summer, President Zuckerman gathered student feedback about the Board of Regents

proposed tuition increase and suggested a compromise proposal at the June Board meeting. The Regents responded by lowering the tuition increase for resident students by \$50. UISG has continued to meet with state legislators to advocate for state appropriations.

Campus Voter Registration Efforts

- **Description:** Millennials have historically voted at low levels in US elections. In hopes of raising turnout at the University of Iowa, UISG aims to register over 4,000 students for the upcoming elections.
- **Executives Involved:** Rachel Zuckerman, Lauren Freeman
- **Senators Involved:** Mitchell Dunn
- **Senate Committee:** Government Relations
- **Notes:** UISG collaborated with the Iowa Secretary of State's office to contract with TurboVote, a platform that allows students to register to vote online and get information about how to vote. Currently, UISG has already helped register nearly 3,000 student voters.

Walk 2 Vote

- **Description:** To ensure high student voter turnout, UISG will be hosting an exciting event to encourage students to vote early at the IMU. We partnered with a class from the Event Planning certificate program to organize the event.
- **Executives Involved:** Andrew Namanny
- **Senators Involved:** Mitchell Dunn
- **Senate Committee:** Government Relations
- **Notes:** The event is set for October 24 at Old Brick.

Election Night Watch Party

- **Description:** UISG will be hosting an election results viewing party to excite students about the democratic process. Again, we partnered with a class from the Event Planning certificate program to organize the event.
- **Executives Involved:** Andrew Namanny
- **Senators Involved:** Mitchell Dunn
- **Senate Committee:** Government Relations
- **Notes:** The event is set for Election Night, November 8.

Safety

Completed

It's On Us Welcome Week Campaign

- **Description:** It's On Us was started by President Obama's administration to bring national awareness to the issue of sexual violence and misconduct on college campuses. UISG wants to continue the work by exploring awareness, education, and policy options. Studies indicate that students are most likely to be affected by sexual assault during their first six weeks on campus. Thus, UISG sought to launch the campaign early in the year to combat the issue when it was most relevant to students.
- **Executives Involved:** Rachel Zuckerman, Lauren Freeman, Sara Bultsma
- **Senate Committee:** Safety
- **Notes:** This year, UISG hosted a week of welcome to encourage students to take the It's On Us pledge and help stop sexual assault on campus. Executives, Senators and other Iowa students were encouraged to change their profile pictures on Facebook to raise awareness of

the issue, hosted a photo campaign, and wrote an op-ed for the Daily Iowan. UISG will also be aiming to make sure this event continues in future administrations on campus.

In Progress

Advocating for State-Wide Medical Amnesty Law

- **Description:** Medical amnesty is a policy that protects persons who are victims of a medical emergency that involves some sort of illicit activity from prosecution related to the aforementioned activity. The University of Iowa has a policy similar to this known as the Responsible Action Protocol (RAP) that would protect students from academic discipline but not legal discipline.
- **Executives Involved:** Benjamin Nelson
- **Senators Involved:** N/A
- **Senate Committee:** Safety
- **Notes:** A medical amnesty policy providing legal protection can only be implemented at the state level, therefore UISG has been working in conjunction with Iowa State University's student government to develop an appropriate policy and lobby for said policy once the legislative session convenes in January.

Student Recovery Services

- **Description:** UISG is working to provide more formal support to students attempting to recover from substance abuse and addiction. There are currently several models of institutional support on campuses throughout the United States, and we will work to determine the model that will best fit the University of Iowa.
- **Executives Involved:** Rachel Zuckerman, Lauren Freeman
- **Senators Involved:** N/A
- **Senate Committee:** Safety
- **Notes:** Discussions with the University Counseling Services, Student Health and Wellness, UIHC, and other campus partners are occurring to establish support services for students. UCS hopes to have a support group for recovering students in the near future.

Student Life

Completed:

Outdoor Yoga on Campus

- **Description:** Outdoor yoga is a favorite event during On Iowa, and yoga has been shown to relieve stress and improve mental health. UISG will partner with Recreation Services to have outdoor yoga sessions throughout the year in places like Hubbard Park.
- **Executives Involved:** Andrew Namanny
- **Senators Involved:** N/A
- **Senate Committee:** N/A
- **Notes:** We had an amazing turnout at our first outdoor yoga session. UISG will work with Recreation Services to create more sustained outdoor yoga programs.

Established Undergraduate Food Accessibility and Affordability Task Force

- **Description:** President Zuckerman recently commissioned a task force to look at the issue of student access to affordable food. This task force will look at issues including but not limited to: affordability, food insecurity, food stamps and other government programs, local/fresh/sustainable options, the availability of affordable + healthy options on and near campus, University Housing and Dining, and BLOC Party platform items related to food/dining.
- **Executives Involved:** Rachel Zuckerman, Jacob Simpson, Benjamin Nelson, Shelby Cain
- **Senators Involved:** Lindsey Rayner, Thomas Bowman

- **Senate Committee:** N/A
- **Notes:** The foremost priority of this group will be to propose problems and solutions to the University's Student Housing and Dining Strategy Implementation Team (SIT 6)

Established Undergraduate Housing Task Force

- **Description:** President Zuckerman recently commissioned a task force to look at the issue of student housing. This task force will look at issues including but not limited to: affordability, landlord-tenant relations, Iowa City policies, University Housing and Dining, and BLOC Party platform items related to housing.
- **Executives Involved:** Rachel Zuckerman, Jacob Simpson, Benjamin Nelson, Lauren Freeman
- **Senators Involved:** Mariah Prendergast
- **Notes:** The foremost priority of this group will be to propose problems and solutions to the University's Student Housing and Dining Strategy Implementation Team (SIT 6).

In Progress

Monthly Lean in Circles

- **Description:** Each month, UISG hosts Lean In Circle meetings for female-identifying students on campus. Inspired by Sheryl Sandberg's national bestseller "Lean In," UISG's Lean In Circle aims to provide a space where women from all backgrounds can gain peer support, learn to advocate for themselves, and celebrate one another's accomplishments.
- **Executives Involved:** Hannah Hendricks, Rachel Zuckerman, Lauren Freeman
- **Senators Involved:** N/A
- **Senate Committee:** N/A
- **Notes:** Our next two circles will be held on October 24th and November 28th at 7:00pm in the Women's Resource & Action Center.

Monthly Coffee on T-Anne Cleary Walkway

- **Description:** During the Spring Semester of 2016, UISG hosted its first ever "Breakfast with UISG" where students received free coffee and could talk with UISG officials to learn more about them. The event was a great success. UISG will continue this initiative with free coffee monthly to hear student feedback and interact with our constituents.
- **Executives Involved:** Kelly Shearer
- **Senators Involved:** Daniel Solon
- **Senate Committee:** Community and Outreach
- **Notes:** We have successfully hosted two events already this semester and have had a great response from students. We enjoy the opportunity to engage with students and discuss issues that are important to them. Our next Breakfast with UISG is October 31st.

Yik Yak "Down Vote Hate" Campaign

- **Description:** UISG launched a new marketing campaign called "Down Vote Hate," which encourages students to down vote negative, hateful, or bigoted messages on online platforms such as Yik Yak.
- **Executives Involved:** Kelly Shearer, Rachel Zuckerman, Lauren Freeman
- **Senators Involved:** N/A
- **Senate Committee:** N/A

Umbrella and Charger Check Out at IMU Welcome Center

- **Description:** UISG hopes to expand the popular UISG Charger Checkout program that currently exists in the Main Library and add it to the IMU Welcome Desk. The Charger Checkout program will allow students to borrow phone and laptop chargers with their student ID. We also know a major inconvenience for students is forgetting an umbrella at home on a rainy day. UISG is working with the IMU Welcome

Center to have umbrellas available to check out with a student ID.

- **Executives Involved:** N/A
- **Senators Involved:** Ben Hyland
- **Senate Committee:** Student Life
- **Notes:** A check-out and inventory system will be installed at the Welcome Center in the coming weeks. There will be umbrellas and phone chargers available for students to check out using their university ID.

Student Organizations

Completed:

Increase Travel Funding for Student Organizations

- **Description:** When student organizations have the opportunity to travel together, they spread Hawkeye pride across the country while also benefiting from invaluable professional development and personal growth opportunities. Yet, student organizations are continuously underfunded for travel. We increased the UISG funds available for student organization travel.
- **Executives Involved:** Noopur Inani
- **Senators Involved:** Adam Dellos
- **Senate Committee:** SABAC

Funding Educational

- **Description:** UISG understands that the budget application process provides challenges to organizations wanting to receive funding. To help organizations alleviate any difficulties, UISG held an educational session on the budgeting application process in September.
- **Executives Involved:** Noopur Inani
- **Senators Involved:** Ojas Pradhan
- **Senate Committee:** SABAC

In Progress:

Streamline Budget Application Process

- **Description:** Currently, the fiscal and supplemental period budget applications do not reflect the maximum funding standards that determine the amount of funds UISG can allocate to particular line items. We will update the applications to better reflect UISG's maximum funding standards so the application is easier for student organization leaders and so these organizations get the most financial support from UISG as possible.
- **Executives Involved:** Noopur Inani
- **Senators Involved:** Rachel Langholz, Ojas Pradhan
- **Senate Committee:** SABAC

Sustainability

Completed

Bike Lanes Downtown

- **Description:** Biking is a sustainable and convenient mode of transportation for students. UI's campus is generally bike-friendly, but Iowa City remains difficult to maneuver. To alleviate the difficulty, UISG advocated for the development of bike lanes downtown and in other areas heavily populated by students.
- **Executives Involved:** Jacob Simpson
- **Senators Involved:** N/A

- **Senate Committee:** N/A
- **Notes:** Iowa City has moved forward with installing new bike lanes downtown.

Campus Garden

- **Description:** UISG will work closely with the UI Gardeners to advocate for a garden on main campus that provides local, fresh food for students and many educational opportunities for students and University of Iowa community members.
- **Executives Involved:** Jacob Simpson
- **Senators Involved:** N/A
- **Senate Committee:** Sustainability
- **Notes:** UISG allocated \$17,000 to support the student garden creation near North Hall. These funds are in collaboration with the financial investment that Facilities Management will make to help support the development of the garden.

Campus Produce Cart

- **Description:** UISG collaborated with UI Gardeners, a local CSA, and Food Pantry at Iowa to provide free fresh produce to students and raise awareness for the food pantry.
- **Executives Involved:** Shelby Cain
- **Senators Involved:** N/A
- **Senate Committee:** N/A
- **Notes:** The first campus produce cart was incredibly successful. Students were grateful for access to healthy foods and we were able to gather good data on current issues with food in Iowa City.

In Progress

Bike Service Stations

- **Description:** We will work to expand the network of “fix-it” stations for bicycles, with the aim of making the campus and community more bike-friendly for everyone.
- **Executives Involved:** Shelby Cain
- **Senators Involved:** N/A
- **Senate Committee:** Sustainability
- **Notes:** UISG is installing fix it stations at Burge, Hillcrest, and the IMU, which should be in place within the next few weeks.

Take What You Need, Eat What You Take Campaign

- **Description:** Because the Burge and Hillcrest Marketplace’s are all-you-can-eat, large amounts of food are thrown away. The Take What You Need, Eat What You Take campaign will encourage students to decrease the food waste in the dining halls.
- **Executives Involved:** Shelby Cain
- **Senators Involved:** Akash Bhalerao
- **Senate Committee:** Sustainability

Composting on Campus

- **Description:** UISG will work with the Office of Sustainability to continue to expand composting services in UI buildings.
- **Executives Involved:** Shelby Cain
- **Senators Involved:** Noah Kirshbaum, Akash Bhalerao
- **Senate Committee:** Sustainability
- **Notes:** UISG members are currently meeting with the Office of Sustainability to discuss reinstating the original Compost Route with UI Student Government support. Along with the route, UISG will work to

educate students about composting.

UISG Administration and Transparency

Completed

State of the Students Address

- **Description:** In September, President Zuckerman gave a State of the Students Address to voice the highest priority issues for undergraduates at UI.
- **Executives Involved:** Rachel Zuckerman, Kelly Shearer
- **Senators Involved:** N/A
- **Senate Committee:** N/A
- **Notes:** The address was recorded live on UISG's Facebook page and is available for viewing.

Opinion Polls

- **Description:** We know the student body wants a say in the work done by UISG and UI administration. We hope to expand pathways of communication to assure all students play an active role in deciding the future of the University of Iowa. Prior to the discussion of an initiative, we will email opinion polls so students can provide comments on proposed initiatives if they are not available to attend our open Student Senate sessions.
- **Executives Involved:** Michael Sylvester, Rachel Zuckerman, Lauren Freeman
- **Senators Involved:** N/A
- **Senate Committee:** N/A
- **Notes:** UISG's first mass survey received over 300 responses

In Progress

Student Newsletters

- **Description:** UISG will send out monthly newsletters to consistently update the student body on UISG activities.
- **Executives Involved:** Rachel Zuckerman, Kelly Shearer
- **Senators Involved:** N/A
- **Senate Committee:** N/A

Funding

The University of Iowa Student Government is responsible for handling and allocating all Student Activity Fee revenue, in which each UI student pays \$72 every year. The Student Activity Fee goes to funding student services such as Center for Student Involvement and Leadership and student organizations. This year's administration inherited a financial surplus in July. This was caused by the last administration's year-end surplus, as well as reversions from student organizations that did not use all of their allocated funds in FY16.

After understanding the financial climate for the year, UISG set and passed our four budgets for FY17. These budgets include the CSIL Collaboration budget (to help fund various CSIL initiatives), the Legislative Budget (for UISG's Senators and the completion of their initiatives), the Executive Budget (for UISG's Executives and their platform initiatives), and the Judicial Budget (for the Judicial Branch of UISG). The beginning balances for these four budgets can be found on the next page. Outside of these our budgets, there is also a contingency account. Our contingency account is where all of the unspent money from UISG and all student organizations flows at the end of a fiscal year (July 30th). To begin this year, our contingency account was well over the maximum limit (per our by-laws) of \$120,000. Keeping students' best interest and our campaign platform in mind, we have been strategic in planning how to spend this down.

Included in the following pages are expenditure reports that outline our overall budget and where we have spent funds the past 3 months.

Fiscal Year 2016-2017

CSIL Collaboration		
Item	Name	Amount
101	TedxIowa	\$3,000.00
102	Student Org Leadership Institute	\$8,000.00
103	Fair Day-fall	\$2,100.00
	Fair Day-spring	\$2,100.00
104	Flipping into finals	\$2,000.00
105	Taste of Iowa City	\$1,000.00
199	Phone lines	\$6,000.00
110	Alternative Spring Break	\$8,000.00
106	OrgSync	\$16,208.00
107	Student Credit Money	\$6,205.00
108	Iowa Kickstarter	\$6,000.00
109	Senior Week	\$10,000.00
111	Strengths Finder	\$5,000.00
112	Dean Redington Emergency Fund	\$3,850.00
	Total	\$79,463.00

Legislative Branch				
Item	Name	Amount	Fringe	Final Salary
199	Speaker of Senate	\$3,208.36	\$351.31	\$ 3,559.65
199	Secretary	\$2,500.00	\$273.75	\$ 2,773.75
101	Meetings	\$500.00		\$ 500.00
102	Senate Retreat	\$3,500.00		\$ 3,500.00
Total				\$ 10,333.40

Executive Branch				
Line item	Name	Amount		
101	Office Supplies	\$2,000.00		
102	Board of Regents	\$1,500.00		
103	Governmental Relations	\$1,500.00		
104	Safety Initiatives	\$7,000.00		
105	Inauguration	\$1,000.00		
106	Association of Big Ten Students	\$6,000.00		
Executive Branch Continued				
107	Platform	\$5,000.00		

108	Public Relations	\$3,000.00		
109	SOOS	\$2,000.00		
110	24 hour IMU	\$13,000.00		
113	Green Initiatives Fund	\$7,700.00		
Total		\$49,700.00		
Salary	Name	Base	Fringe (10.95%)	Total
101	President	\$7,500.00	821.25	\$8,321.25
102	VP	\$7,500.00	821.25	\$8,321.25
103	CFO	\$2,625.00	287.4375	\$2,912.44
104	Chief of Staff	\$2,625.00	287.4375	\$2,912.44
105	Executive Assistant	\$1,875.00	205.3125	\$2,080.31
106	GR	\$2,500.00	273.75	\$2,773.75
107	Diversity	\$2,500.00	273.75	\$2,773.75
108	Sustainability	\$1,875.00	205.3125	\$2,080.31
109	City Council	\$2,500.00	273.75	\$2,773.75
110	Safety	\$1,875.00	205.3125	\$2,080.31
111	External Relations	\$2,500.00	273.75	\$2,773.75
112	Communication	\$2,500.00	273.75	\$2,773.75
113	Vice City	\$1,000.00	109.5	\$1,109.50
Total				\$43,686.56

Judicial Branch		
Item	Name	Amount
199	SEC salary	\$1,019.50
101	Advertising	\$400.00
102	On-line voting system	\$2,600.00
Total		\$4,019.50

July 2016

372 CSIL Collaboration				
Expenditures July 2016				
Line Number	Item	July Expense	Transaction Description	Date
199	TNS Monthly	\$ 315.00	Data Fee	7/31/2016
199	TNS Monthly	\$ 7.00	TV/Video Fee	7/31/2016
199	TNS Monthly	\$ 87.50	Phone Fee	7/31/2016
199	TNS Monthly	\$ 4.50	Voicemail Fee	7/31/2016
490 Legislative Branch				
Expenditures July 2016				
Line Number	Item	July Expense	Transaction Description	Date
199	P and S Salaries Temporary	\$ 291.00	Speaker of Senate Salary	7/31/2016
199	Fringe Ben P and S Temporary	\$ 31.94	Fringe for Speaker Salary	7/31/2016
491 Executive Budget				
Expenditures July 2016				
Line Number	Item	July Expense	Transaction Description	Date
101	TNS Monthly	\$ 21.00	Phone Fee	7/31/2016
101	TNS Monthly	\$ 14.00	Data Fee	7/31/2016
101	TNS Monthly	\$ 17.00	Television Fee	7/31/2016
104	Yellow Cab	\$ 78.00	Nite Ride Expenses	7/5/2016
199	P and S Salaries Temporary	\$ 2,374.99	Executive Salaries	7/31/2016
199	P and S Fringe Benefits	\$ 260.06	Fringe for Executive Salaries	7/31/2016

August 2016

372 CSIL Collaboration				
Expenditures August 2016				
Line Number	Item	August Expense	Transaction Description	Date
199	TNS Monthly	\$ 315.00	Data Fee	8/31/2016
199	TNS Monthly	\$ 7.00	TV/Video Fee	8/31/2016
199	TNS Monthly	\$ 87.50	Phone Fee	8/31/2016
199	TNS Monthly	\$ 4.50	Voicemail Fee	8/31/2016
490 Legislative Budget				
Expenditures August 2016				
Line Number	Item	August Expense	Transaction Description	Date
199	P and S Salaries Temporary	\$ 708.33	Speaker of Senate and Sec Salary	8/31/2016
199	Fringe Ben P and S Temporary	\$ 77.56	Fringe for Speaker/ Sec Salary	8/31/2016

491	Executive Budget			
Expenditures August 2016				
Line Number	Item	August Expense	Transaction Description	Date
101	TNS Monthly	\$ 21.00	Phone Fee	8/31/2016
101	TNS Monthly	\$ 14.00	Data Fee	8/31/2016
101	Koch Brothers	\$ 71.12	Printer copy charges	8/9/2016
101	TNS Monthly	\$ 17.00	Television Fee	8/31/2016
103	Governmental Relations Trips	\$ 74.98	Legislative Road Trips	8/31/2016
103	TurboVote	\$ 500.00	Purchase of Turbovote	8/29/2016
103	Governmental Relations with local legislatures	\$ 39.92	Legislative Road Trips	8/31/2016
103	UI Provided Service	\$ 10.50	Registration for Fleet Services	8/29/2016
104	Yellow Cab	\$ 90.07	Safe Ride Expenses	8/4/2016
104	Coralville Bus Rides	\$ 643.86	Payment for Coralville Bus rides	8/31/2016
106	ABTS	\$ 2,501.30	Travel to Association of Big Ten Students Conference	8/9/2016
199	P and S Salaries Temporary	\$ 2,374.99	Executive Salaries	8/31/2016
199	P and S Fringe Benefits	\$ 260.06	Fringe for Executive Salaries	8/31/2016

September 2016

372	CSIL Collaboration Budget			
Expenditures September 2016				
Line Number	Item	September Expense	Transaction Description	Date
199	TNS Monthly	\$ 315.00	Data Fee	9/31/2016
199	TNS Monthly	\$ 7.00	TV/Video Fee	9/31/2016
199	TNS Monthly	\$ 87.50	Phone Fee	9/31/2016
	TNS Monthly	\$ 4.50	Voicemail Fee	9/31/2016
490	Legislative Budget			
Expenditures September 2016				
Line Number	Item	September Expense	Transaction Description	Date
199	P and S Salaries Temporary	\$ 500.00	Speaker of Senate and Sec Salary	9/31/2016
199	Fringe Ben P and S Temporary	\$ 54.75	Fringe for Speaker/ Sec Salary	9/31/2016

102	Retreat Expenses	\$ 1948.80	Food and Set up Expenses for Retreat	9/28/2016
491	Executive Budget			
Expenditures September 2016				
Line Number	Item	September Expense	Transaction Description	Date
101	TNS Monthly	\$ 21.00	Phone Lines	9/30/2016
101	TNS Monthly	\$ 14.00	Data	9/30/2016
101	Office Depot	\$ 47.87	Office Supplies for UISG Office	9/30/2016
101	Koch Brothers	\$ 155.52	Printer fix charges	9/16/2016
103	Governmental Relations	\$ 59.10	Fleet Services Rental	9/29/2016
104	Yellow Cab	\$ 161.09	Payments for Saferide	9/6/2016
104	TNS Monthly	\$ 17.00	Television	9/30/2016
106	ABTS	\$ 269.08	Association of Big Ten School Fee	9/16/2016
107	Hy-Vee	\$ 188.79	Donuts for Breakfast with UISG	9/16/2016
107	UIVA/UISG PTSD Fair	\$ 638.00	Food Purchase for PTSD/Mental Health Fair	9/28/2016
107	Yik Yak Campaign	\$ 431.54	Design and Printing Payments	9/23/2018
199	P and S Salaries Temporary	\$2999.97	Executive Salaries	9/31/2016
199	P and S Fringe Benefits	\$ 328.49	Fringe for Executive Salaries	9/31/2016

Governing Documents

Every document that directs our operation is on the UISG website, uisg.uiowa.edu, under the “What We Do” tab. This includes our By-laws, Constitution, and funding standards.

Questions or Comments?

If you have further questions about UISG, please contact us via our website at uisg.uiowa.edu or email us at uisg@uiowa.edu.