

UISG

FALL 2019 REPORT



OPENING LETTER

Hello,

Thank you for reviewing the UISG Fall 2019 Report. In this report you will find summaries of committee platform initiative progress, UISG demographic data, a summary of legislation passed through the UISG Senate, and more useful and insightful information into the happenings and inner-workings of UISG.

This past fall semester, UISG was hard at work making swift change to internal operations as well as external and outward-facing projects. From overhauling our governing documents to expanding our student organization liaison program, this administration has made it standard to make measurable change. This administration is very proud of the amount of initiatives from the UISG platform that have been completed as of Jan 1, 2020. We will continue to work toward our goals and strive to complete the initiatives that are in progress before the end of this term.

Thank you,

Colin Lakadat - Cabinet Director



UISG STRUCTURE

Executive Branch

POSITION TITLE	NAME
President	Noel Mills
Vice President	Sarah Henry
Cabinet Director	Colin Lakadat
City Council Liaison	Austin Wu
Deputy City Council Liaison	Charlotte Lenkaitis
Director of Academic Affairs	Regan Smock
Director of Communications	Hallie Lartius
Deputy Director of Communications	Michelle Kumar
Director of External Relations	Kayla Cleland
Director of Finance	Adam Burghduff
Deputy Director of Finance	Brooke Stout
Director of Governmental Relations	Connor Wooff
Deputy Director of Governmental Relations	Conrad Beech
Director of Health and Safety	Aastha Chandra
Director of Justice and Equity	Isabela Flores
Director of Student Services	Anthony Haughton
Director of Sustainability	Emily Manders
Director of Operations	Joshua Bolen
Secretary	Caren Li Sun
Social Media Manager	Rachel McCracken
Graphic Designer	Vrunda Patel
Graphic Designer	Cailin Hall
Photographer	Caren Li Sun

Judicial Branch

POSITION TITLE	NAME
Chief Justice	Sidney Martinez
Student Elections Commissioner	Cameron Moeller
Justice	Johanna Hetherington

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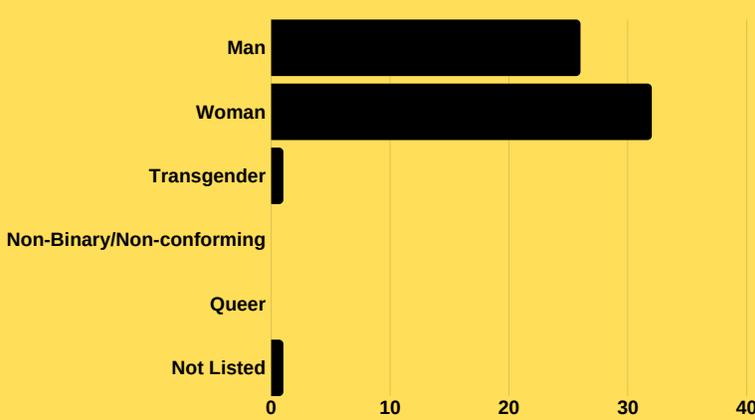
Legislative Branch

POSITION TITLE	NAME
Speaker of the Senate	Elli Lenz
Speaker Pro Tempore	Noah Wick
Parliamentarian	Jacob Heid
Senator(s)	Shalini Birari, Avery Brennan, Anna Correa, Zoë Hamstreet, Ruth Kahssai, Reagan Hansen, Oscar Rodriguez, Mara Smith, Joseph Haggerty, Collin Kepner Guowei Qi, Marissa Mueller, Teagan Roeder, Valentine Komen, Omar Khodor, Jason Kerst, Amna Haider, Darian Thompson, Erika Harvey, Nathan Disterhoft, Matthew Cooke, Kevin Drahos, Isabella O' Connor, Abby Crow, Bruce Tanlim, Elizabeth Folkers, Guilherme Pinho, Jack Lauer, Joseph Verry, Katey Namanny, Sam Stucky, Anna Turnquist, John Dickens
LGBTQ+ Constituency Senator	AJ King
Latinx Constituency Senator	Simona Flores
International Constituency Senator	Celine Kusnadi
Disability Constituency Senator	Claire Miller
Native American Constituency Senator	Athena Schrock
Black Constituency Senator	Adeline Barron
Veteran Constituency Senator	Damaris Mirea
Asian Pacific Inlander Desi American- Constituency Senator	Tomy Douangkeo

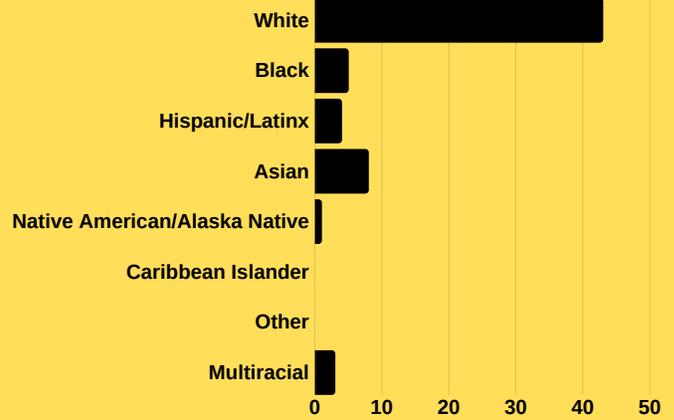
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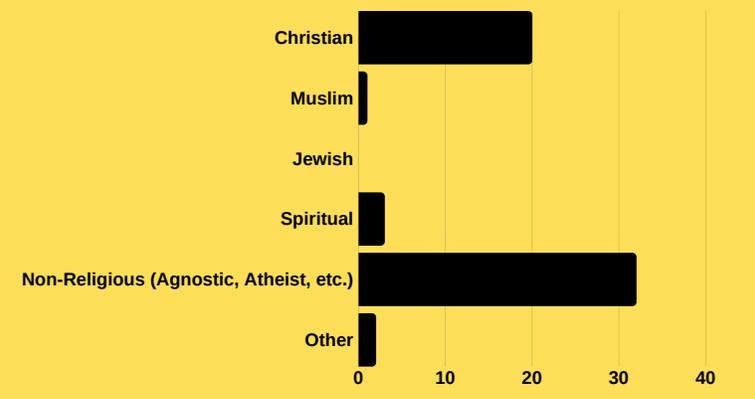
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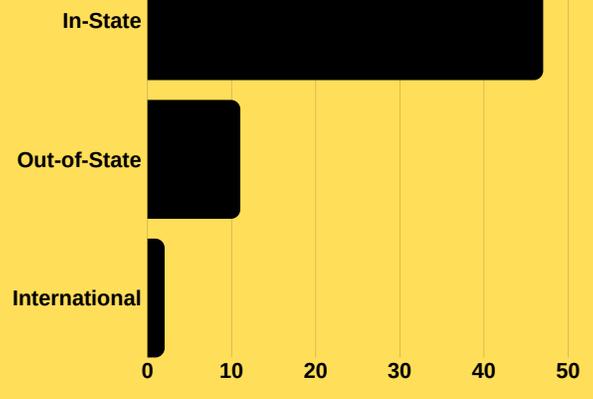
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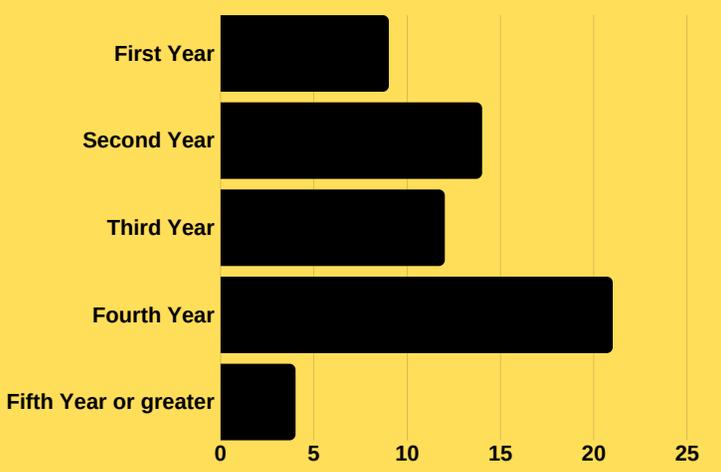
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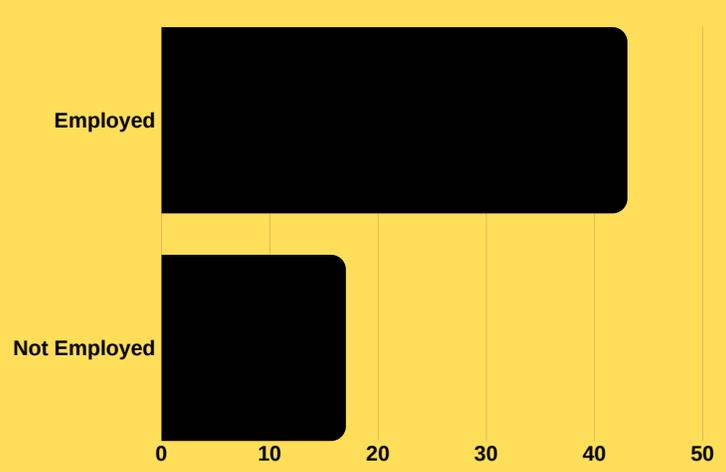
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Year of Schooling (19-20)



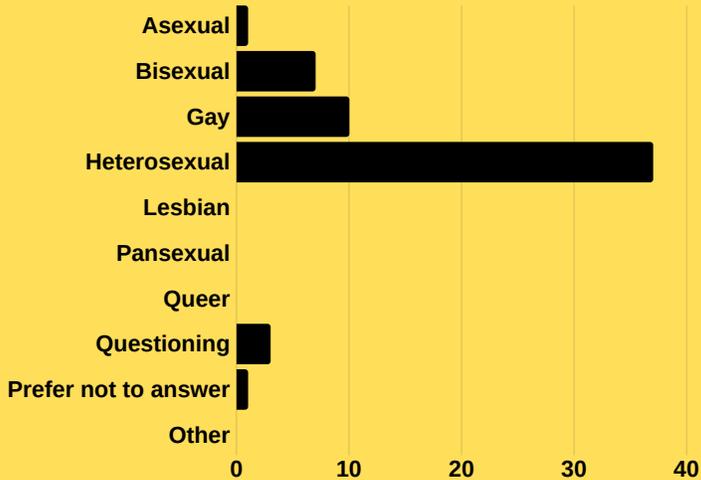
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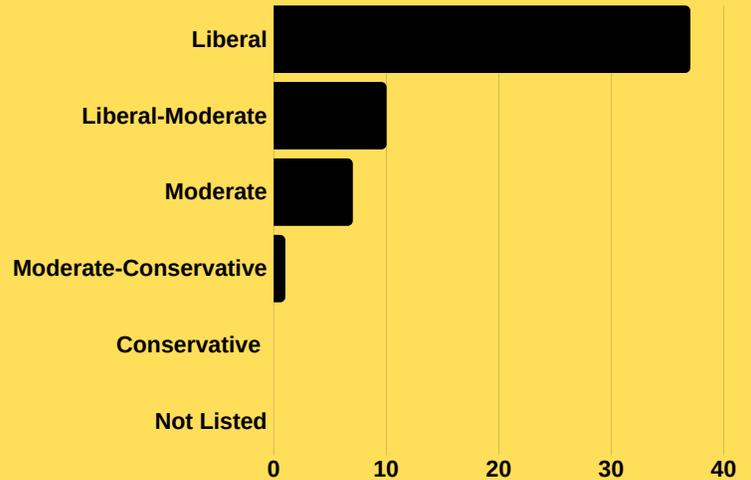
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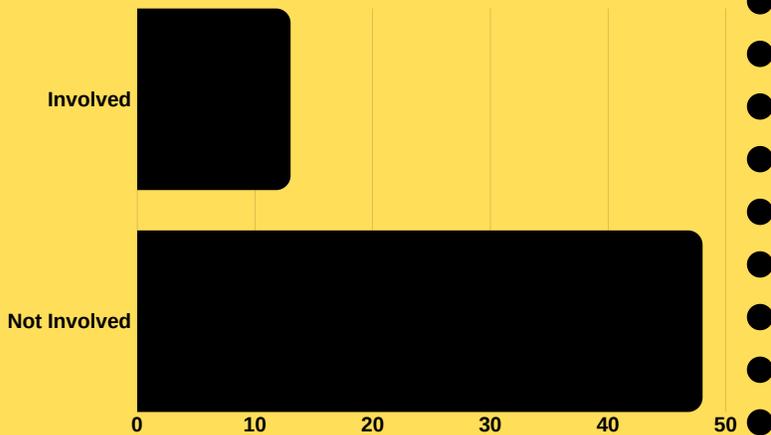
Sexual Orientation



Political Affiliation



Fraternity/Sorority Status



LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

BILL NAME	PASSED (Y/N)	(AYE/NAY/ABSTAIN)
S.S.B #1 "Recommendation for the 2019-2020 UISG Senate Committees"	Y	29/0/0
S.S.B #2 "FY20 UISG Operational Budget"	Y	29/0/0
S.S.B #3 "Confirmation of the 2019-2020 Student-Athlete Liaison"	Y	31/0/0
S.S.B #4 "UISG Senator Code of Conduct Updates"	Y	31/0/1
S.S.B #5 "Dress Code Policy Updates"	Y	31/0/0
S.S.B #6 "Confirmation of the Nominees for the Presidential Charter Committees 2019-2020"	Y	29/0/0
S.S.B #7 "Confirmation of the remaining 2019-2020 UISG Executive Cabinet Positions"	Y	31/0/0
S.S.B #8 "Confirmation of the Remaining 2019-2020 Constituency Senators"	Y	35/0/13
S.S.B #9 "2019-2020 First-Year and At-Large Senator Nominations"	Y	28/14/0
S.S.B #10 "Appeals Funding for the African Student Association's Taste of Africa Event"	Y	28/14/3
S.S.B #11 "Appeals Funding for the National Society of Black Engineers Fall Regional Conference"	Y	0/0/0
S.S.B #12 "IMU Waste Receptacle Purchase"	Y	31/10/0
S.S.B #13 "2019 Revisions to the UISG Constitution"	Y	35/0/0
S.S.B #14 "2019 Revisions to the UISG Bylaws: Clarity"	Y	43/0/0

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BILL NAME	PASSED (Y/N)	(AYE/NAY/ABS)
S.S.B #15 "2019 Revisions to the UISG Bylaws: Definitions, Acronyms, and Article I"	Y	39/1/1
S.S.B #16 "2019 Revisions of UISG Bylaws: Article II"	Y	42/0/0
S.S.B #17 "2019 Revisions to the UISG Bylaws: Article III"	Y	34/5/3
S.S.B #18 "2019 Revisions to the UISG Bylaws: Articles V, VI, VII, and VIII"	Y	42/0/0
S.S.B #19 "Confirmation of the 2019-2020 Director of Communications and Director of Academic Affairs"	Y	46/0/0
S.S.B #20 "Confirmation of the Nominees for student representatives to PCCs for UI Lecture Committee 2019-2020"	Y	38/0/0
S.S.B #21 "Update to the Student-Athlete Liaison Position"	Y	38/0/0
S.S.B #22 "Prairie Restoration Project"	Y	43/1/0
S.S.B #23 "Election Code Reform I"	Y	45/0/0
S.S.B #24 "Election Code Reform II"	Y	34/14/0
S.S.B #25 "Confirmation of the new 2019-2020 Director of External Relations"	Y	45/0/0
J.R. #1 "2019-2020 DEI Action Plan"	Y	N/A
J.R. #2 "Joint Resolution on the Climate Change Call to Action"	Y	N/A

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PIECES OF LEGISLATION
PASSED

PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT REPORT (1/2)

1. Hawkeye Caucus on the Hill

Every other year, a delegation from the University of Iowa visits Washington, D.C. to advocate for Hawkeyes and lobby federal legislators. This year we met with staff members from our representatives' offices regarding higher education policy and shared our concerns about problems students face. We advocated for the inclusion of mental health care in the Higher Education Act, increased support for federal programs like Pell Grants and TriO, and the simplification of FAFSA, which has since been improved.

2. ABTS Summer Conference

Over the summer, we hosted all the Big 10 undergraduate student government associations at the bi-annual Association of Big Ten Students Conference. ABTS exists to increase information sharing and networking among student government organizations and serve as the active collective voice of students of the Big Ten Conference. During this conference, our delegation from the University of Iowa introduced and voted on legislation, including but not limited to, declaring a climate crisis.

3. Student Leader Roundtables

Every month, we assemble student leaders to meet and discuss campus-wide issues with President Harreld and Provost Fuentes. Our topics have included supporting students of color, mental health, sustainability, and campus accessibility. One tangible outcome we got from these meetings is the addition of a second prayer and meditation room in the Iowa Memorial Union.

4. Institutional Action on Climate Change

During our annual joint session meeting with the Graduate and Professional Student Government, we passed a resolution calling on the university to take stronger action on climate change and institutional environmental sustainability. As a result of this legislation, VP of Finance and Operations Rod Lehnertz called a meeting to discuss sustainability goals with stakeholders from the student body, faculty, staff, and upper administration. At this meeting we created multiple sub-committees dedicated to different outcomes outlined in the resolution. We are sitting on many of these sub-committees and are making progress towards finalizing institutional 2030 Sustainability Goals, requiring a "systems thinking" general education course requirement, and divesting in the fossil fuel industry.

5. Regent Breakfasts

Once per month at Iowa Board of Regents meetings, we joined student government leaders from UNI and Iowa State at student leader breakfasts. There, we shared updates on our work and what was happening on each of our campuses and answered questions from the Regents. We began working with the Board of Regents to improve our advocacy efforts at the state level, which has helped us to more successfully advocate for increased appropriations from the state, medical amnesty, and the implementation of a move-in checklist policy.

PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT REPORT (2/2)

Goals for Spring 2020:

- Make changes to internal structures and functions including mandatory cultural competency training, land acknowledgements before events, and changes to our meetings to increase productivity and member-to-member support
- Add a Transfer Student Liaison to our organization
- Execute the Green Bandana mental health awareness project
- Make the UISG election more accessible and comprehensive through marketing and outreach
- Make improvements to the organization of Student Leader Roundtables to make them more productive for students and staff
- Finalize work on institutional sustainability subcommittees and report to campus in April
- Advocate weekly in Des Moines for medical amnesty, increased appropriations, and a mandatory move-in checklist
- Participate in the ABTS Winter and Big Ten on the Hill Conferences
- Support our members in achieving their goals and finishing their projects

PLATFORM OVERVIEW

While UISG does not exclusively work on Platform initiatives, the progress on our Platform accurately reflects where UISG is making the largest impact during any given time in its term. After the fall semester, UISG has completed or is continuing the operation of 43.5% of the 2019-2020 platform initiatives.

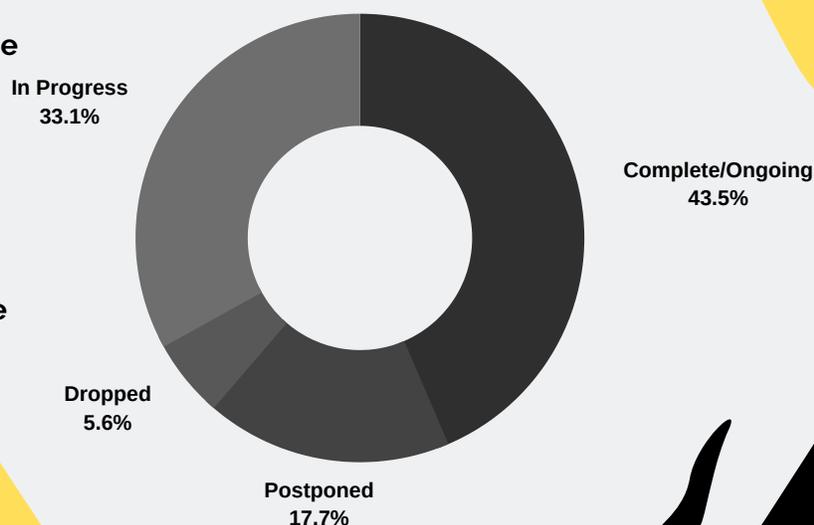
17.7% of the 2019-2020 platform initiatives have been postponed or delayed due to various reasons including time constraints, a change of organizational interests, and University policy.

5.6% of the 2019-2020 platform initiatives have been considered 'Dropped' due to a change in relevancy or feasibility of completion. The remaining 33.1% of initiatives are considered 'In Progress' and are aimed to be completed before the end of the term (May 1, 2020).

In relation to years past, UISG has made large institutional progress in completing its platform initiatives. With an estimated 76.6% Platform completion rate before the end of the year, this administration is on track to be very successful.

In the following pages, you can find breakdowns of individual committee platform progress as well as descriptions of the initiatives each committee has completed or is working on. (See pages 12-31).

2019-2020 Platform Initiative Status



43.5%

OF INITIATIVES DONE
BY JAN 1, 2020

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

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Director of Academic Affairs - Regan Smock

Academic Affairs Committee Chair - Reagan Hansen

Academic Affairs Committee Members:

Valentine Komen, Collin Kepner, Claire Miller, Joseph Verry, Kevin Drahos, Abigail Crow, Sierra Wicks, Jack Lauer, Elizabeth Folkers, Gui Pinho

INITIATIVE PROGRESS

Completed Initiatives:

- Support the SDS External Review
- Promote existing academic resources through UISG social media

Initiatives In Progress:

- Gather input from transfer students and implement changes to transfer student orientations
- Recommend the addition of interpreters at international, transfer, and first-year student orientations
- Advocate for the evaluation of the University Absence Policy
- Institutionalize the UISG Textbook Drive
- Request accessibility information to be added to all graduation event postings
- Create a donation program for graduation gowns
- Recommend National Coalition Building Institution training for Honors staff

Postponed Initiatives:

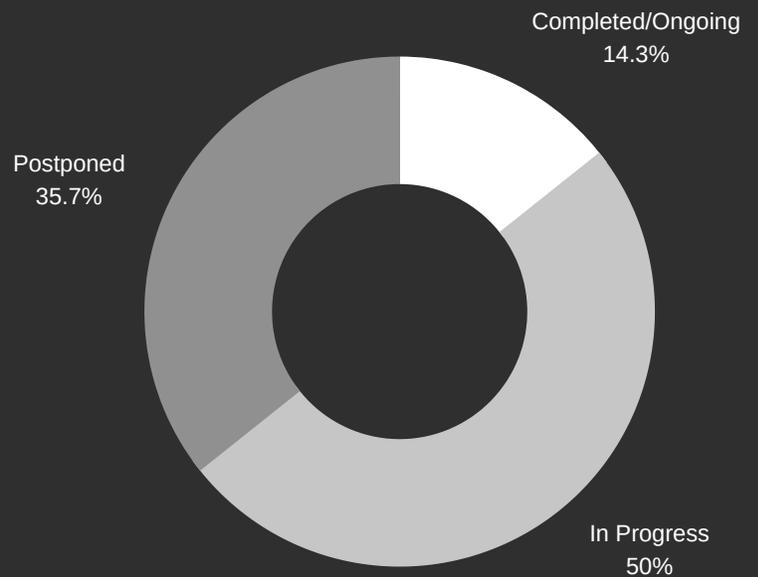
- Expand SI, residence hall tutoring, and writing center offerings for upper level courses
- Launch a marketing campaign about the Honors program to improve involvement
- Launch an annual scholarship fair in conjunction with the Office of Financial Aid

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- Support Open Educational Resource initiatives at Iowa, such as Course Reserves
- Launch a 'lunch with a professor' program

Academic Affairs Initiative Statuses:



EXTERNAL RELATIONS

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Director of External Relations - Kayla Cleland

External Relations Committee Chair - John Dickens

External Relations Committee Members:

Adeline Barron, Jason Kerst, Teagan Roeder, Amna Haider, Athena Schrock, Marissa Mueller, Celine Kusnadi, Matt Cooke

SEMESTER HIGHLIGHTS

Leading up to the Spring 2020 semester, the External Relations committee has made great strides towards completing their platform initiatives. UISG continued to operate our Student Organization Liaison Program in which UISG members are paired with Student Organization in order for orgs to have a better gateway into speaking and working with UISG. In addition to the liaison program, UISG also has continued operation of our Complain for a Cookie and Breakfast with UISG events. These events allow us to gather feedback from students as well as provide them with resources that could aid them in whatever issues they are having on campus.

The addition of HawkIdeas to our UISG outreach toolkit has already proven to be an amazing initiative. The website HawkIdeas.uiowa.edu is a place for University of Iowa students to submit their ideas and suggestions as to how they believe the University of Iowa can become an even better place. Suggestions have ranged from the addition of commercial food locations, to improved snow removal, to providing student leaders with networking opportunities. The site allows students to have a direct line of communication with UISG in order to bring their ideas to life.

This year, the External Relations committee has also offered UISG members the opportunity to volunteer in our local communities. Hosting a Food Drive at a local Hy-Vee and directing people to places where they could help contribute to the Hurricane Dorian Relief fund are just a couple of examples of UISG's broader volunteer work.

- Colin Lakadat

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INITIATIVE PROGRESS

Completed Initiatives:

- Hurricane Dorian Disaster Relief
- Create monthly President/Vice President informational postings through UISG channels
- Continue developing and promoting the UISG Renter's Guide
- Institutionalize and improve Fall and Spring Treasurer Trainings
- Send UISG representative to Student Organization meetings upon request
- Advertise the online anonymous issue form, meeting minutes, and Senate voting record
- Institutionalize a public comment period for students to speak at senate meetings
- Institutionalize a public comment period at Senate meetings
- Require UISG members to attend a certain number of student organization events each semester

Ongoing Initiatives:

- Explore more partnership opportunities with the Iowa Student Athlete Advisory Committee
- Extend invited to student groups when topics of discussion are relevant to their work

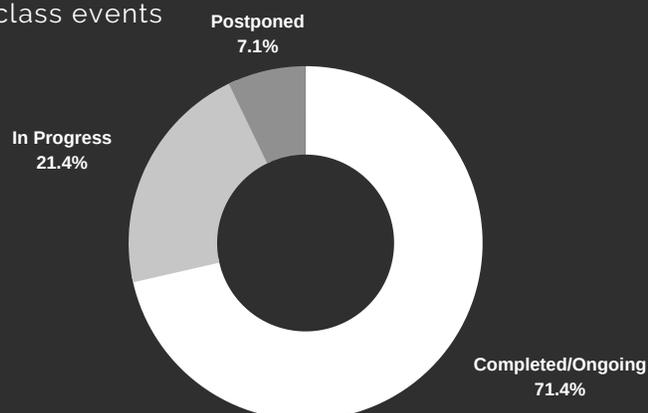
Initiatives In Progress:

- Create more social media content to raise awareness about UISG funding and UISG funded events
- Create a form that allows student organizations to request promotion of their events through UISG channels
- Distribute informational materials about UISG at events like OnIowa! and Orientations
- Establish a universal funding request form

Postponed Initiatives:

- Advertise and utilize Afterclass events

External Relations Initiative Statuses:



FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Director of Finance - Adam Burghduff

Deputy Director of Finance - Brooke Stout

Finance Committee Chair - Zoë Hamstreet

Academic Affairs Committee Members:

Jacob Heid, Collin Kepner, Matt Cooke, Omar Khodor, VACANT (2)

SEMESTER HIGHLIGHTS

The Finance Committee has been busy making changes this semester, with one of the most notable that we changed our name to the Finance Committee in the hopes that students will be more easily able to identify us! Our first semester has been focused on transparency within our committee, to all of Senate, and to student organizations. This process started with updating our bylaws to clarify confusing language and to more accurately reflect how our committee functions. As part of the bylaw revisions, we started practicing an official appeals process for student organizations to follow if they believe their funding request was reviewed with bias. Another process we created is the auditing process that will be implemented this semester to ensure that organizations are spending student dollars as they are allocated to them. In order to further ensure clarity between student orgs and our committee, senators spent time updating all language on the website to make sure it accurately reflects our thought processes while reviewing. Part of the website updates included changing funding guidelines to ensure the financial health of our organization. Other changes to the review process include listing other opportunities for funding sources on our application and creating a form to apply for the accessibility fund. Finally, and most importantly, the finance team had more than 50 meetings with student orgs to discuss how we can work together to secure funding in order for them to be successful.

- Adam Burghduff and Zoë Hamstreet

STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE CHANGES

Last fall, the Bijou Film Board began operating partially in FilmScene's new downtown Iowa City location, the Chauncey. As part of this move, Bijou asked for new equipment from UISG. In order to accommodate this request, Senate voted to raise the Student Activity Fee by \$2. During the first fiscal year of the increased fee, the revenue will be used to purchase Bijou's new equipment. In every subsequent year, the revenue will be used to build and maintain a Deferred Maintenance Fund, an insurance fund for all the equipment UISG owns (mostly operated by other student organizations). If this fund were to exceed \$250,000, the excess money would be used by the Finance Committee to supplement allocations to student organizations. We are proud to sponsor this addition to student life and to establish an insurance fund for UISG's assets.

INITIATIVE PROGRESS

Completed Initiatives:

- Institutionalize and Improve Fall and Spring Treasurer Trainings
- Create more social media content to raise awareness about UISG funding opportunities
- Establish a universal funding request form that includes funding from all possible sources
- Provide an updated student fee breakdown page so that students can understand UISG finances
- Provide more consistent updates of UISG Initiatives and funding
- Create regular progress reports to outline initiatives and funding updates

Finance Committee Initiative Statuses:



Completed/Ongoing
100%

GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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Director of Governmental Relations - Connor Wooff

Deputy Director of Governmental Relations - Conrad Beech

Governmental Relations Committee Chair - Oscar Rodriguez

Governmental Relations Committee Members:

Lauryn Schnack, Reagan Hansen, Avery Brennan, Guowei Qi, Kevin Drahos, John Dickens, Sierra Wicks, Katey Namanny, Guilherme Pinho

SEMESTER HIGHLIGHTS

The first semester was a productive one for governmental relations. Our progress can be measured in four areas: civic engagement, state relations, the Board of Regents, and federal advocacy. To kick off the administration, our team traveled around the state of Iowa to meet with legislators in their hometowns to discuss our legislative priorities, including a life-saving medical amnesty law. Members of UISG also sent introduction emails and postcards to their home legislators. In October, we hosted the newly-appointed Regent, David Barker, for a student-led campus tour. We coordinated visits of the Clothing Closet, Food Pantry, Cultural Centers, and Iowa Center for Research by Undergraduates. UISG members have also attended every Board of Regents meeting to provide insight on student experiences. To increase voting accessibility for students, UISG worked closely with student leaders and administration to advocate for the creation of a temporary voter ID. Students who lose their voting-eligible ID can now visit the Iowa One Card office and receive a temporary ID card that will still allow them to cast their vote. In November, UISG representatives met with Iowa's congressional offices in Washington, D.C. to discuss the importance of affordability, mental health resources, and sexual assault prevention in the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act.

- Connor Wooff

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INITIATIVE PROGRESS

Completed Initiatives:

- Continue the development of the UISG Renter's Guide
- Support the development of the Civic Engagement Center
- Invite students across campus to attend regular trips to the Iowa Capitol
- Host Board of Regents/Legislators visit days

Ongoing Initiatives:

- Advocate for increased State appropriations, a required move-in checklist, and medical amnesty
- Advocate for more affordable housing in Iowa City
- Collaborate with UNI and ISU to increase effectiveness of advocacy
- Request assistance from Student Legal Services in order to help students understand renter's rights

Initiatives In Progress:

- Provide educational resources surrounding the 2020 presidential campaigns and Iowa caucuses
- Collaborate with student organizations in order to register students to vote

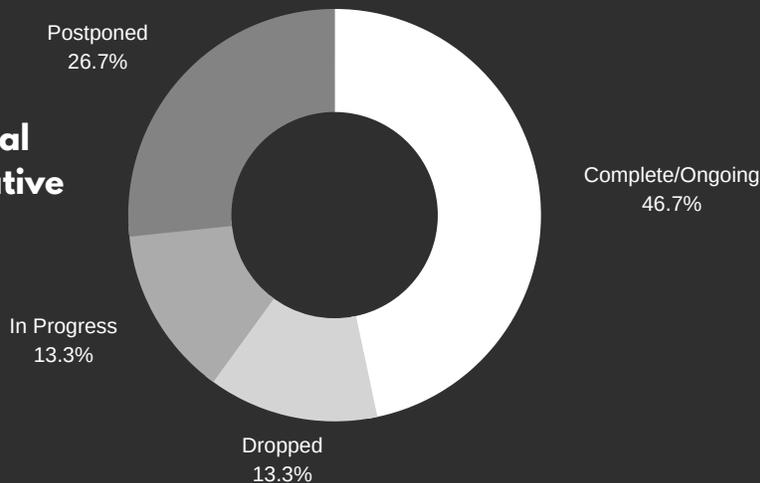
Postponed Initiatives:

- Improve the Neighborhood Ambassador program and communicate its services to students
- Advertise and promote the Johnson County Community ID program
- Organize town halls with the Board or Regents

Dropped Initiatives:

- Advocate for the inclusion of expiration dates on Student IDs
- Advocate for Election Day to be recognized as a holiday by the Iowa state government

Governmental Relations Initiative Statuses:



HEALTH AND SAFETY

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Director of Health and Safety - Aastha Chandra

Health and Safety Committee Chairs - Avery Brennan and Shalini Birari

Health and Safety Committee Members:

Oscar Rodriguez, Ruth Kahssai, Erika Harvey, Zoe Hamstreet, Nate Disterhoft, AJ King, Tomy Duangkeo, Bruce Tanlim

SEMESTER HIGHLIGHTS

This past semester, the Health and Safety committee made progress toward many of our ongoing and large-scale initiatives. The Green Bandana project, an initiative aimed to bring awareness to mental health issues on campus, is nearing completion. The Green Bandana Project is a project that schools all across the Big Ten and beyond are adopting on their campuses. UISG hopes to fully launch our program before the end of the Spring 2020 semester.

This year, UISG also held another flu shot drive. Working closely with University of Iowa Student Health, UISG helped facilitate an event where students could go get their flu shot throughout the day. The residence hall location of this drive made getting flu shots even more accessible for students.



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INITIATIVE PROGRESS

Completed Initiatives:

- Continue efforts to provide flu vaccines on campus and in residence halls

Ongoing Initiatives:

- Request better training for RAs, faculty, staff, and students on how to properly respond to sexual misconduct reporting
- Publish a sexual assault disclosure response protocol to accompany in-person training
- Work with students and Facilities Management to determine where crosswalks need to be improved

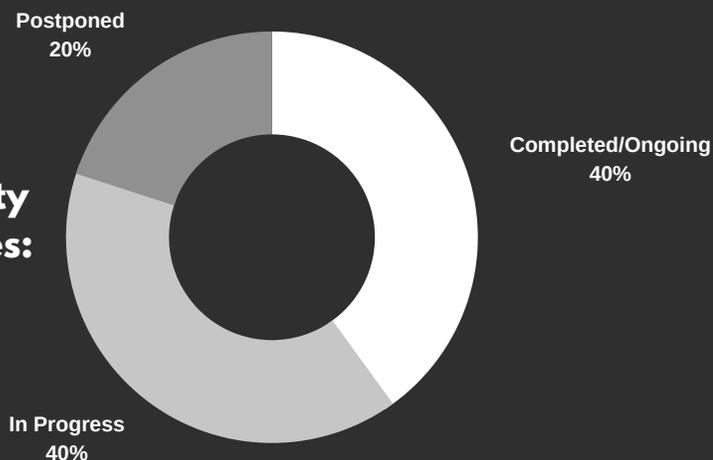
Initiatives In Progress:

- Implement the Green Bandana Project on campus
- Create a media campaign aimed at sexual assault prevention education
- Create a social media campaign about recognizing potential mental health issues
- Push for more specialization in LGBTQ+ healthcare in the Iowa City area

Postponed Initiatives:

- Advertise location of wellness products on and off campus
- Advocate for the requirement of staff and faculty to participate in Kognito training
- Advocate for higher-quality and more accessible menstrual products on campus
- Increase access to and aware of over-the-counter medication available through Student Health and Wellness

Health and Safety Initiative Statuses:



INTERNAL AFFAIRS

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Internal Affairs Committee Chair - Anna Correa

Internal Affairs Committee Members:

Guowei Qi, Mara Smith, Lauryn Schnack, Jack Mcgovern

SEMESTER HIGHLIGHTS

The Fall 2019 semester kept Internal Affairs busy. Among a range of smaller projects, there are several notable accomplishments of the committee. First, the revision of the Student Athlete Representative and creation of the Transfer Student Representative positions allow for increased participation of underrepresented student populations. Second, the UISG Climate Survey is the pinnacle of many efforts to make Senate an inclusive, safe, and productive space. Next, the restructuring of the new senator intake process allows for more fair evaluation and higher quality of applicants being brought into the organization. Lastly, the committee had a hand in passing over 15 pieces of legislation so far this term. Overall, Internal Affairs has put significant effort into ensuring the structures inside UISG promote—not hinder—dedicated and productive work for students.

- Anna Correa

INITIATIVE PROGRESS

Completed Initiatives:

- Upload upcoming legislation and legislation information to the UISG website regularly
- Provide relevant and up-to-date contact information on the UISG website
- Create regular progress reports to outline initiative progress

Postponed Initiatives:

- Maintain a list of students interested in joining UISG.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

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NON-PLATFORM TASKS

- **Revamped the new senator intake process**
 - * Hosted resume workshop to encourage professional development
 - * Rewrote application and interview questions to allow for a broader view of the candidate while incorporating specific passion toward making change
 - * Continued with scoring blinded applications and resumes for fairness
 - * Restructured applicant scoring with weighted system that rewards interest and ideas instead of punishing a candidate who hasn't had the opportunity to have leadership experience
 - * Created scoring rubrics for all scored pieces of the application and interview process to reduce subjectivity or favoritism
 - * Established new senator intake feedback surveys to gather information on where the process could be improved
- **Created Senate Buddies mentor program to pair new senator with seasoned UISG members to form closer bonds and ease the transition into the organization**
- **Established a UISG Exit survey for the Executive and Legislative branches to track reasons members leave the organization during a term in order to fix problematic areas**
- **Updated Student Athlete Representative position to match NCAA requirements and needs of the first Student Athlete Representative**
- **Enacted a Transfer Student Representative to ensure transfer students' voices are heard in UISG**

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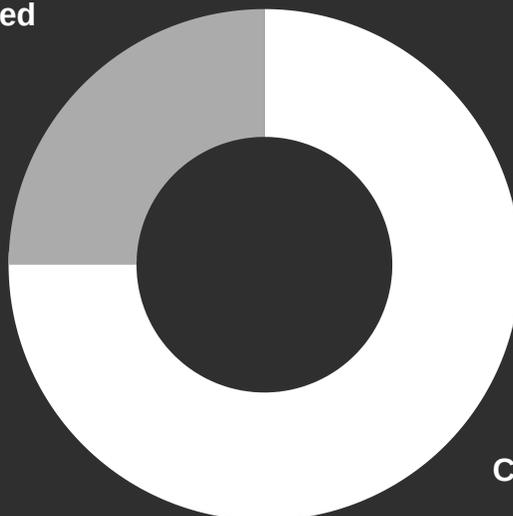
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NON-PLATFORM TASKS

- Started a UISG Climate Survey to be given within Senate each semester to determine what UISG is doing well and what areas need improvement
- Taskforce created to address recurring themes in the inaugural survey feedback
- Wrote and facilitated a test over the governing documents for all Senators
- Reformatted all governing documents and parts of the UISG website to meet accessibility standards
- Sponsored legislation
 - * Overhauling the governing documents (Constitution, Bylaws, Senator Code of Conduct)
 - * Amending the Election Code

Internal Affairs Initiative Statuses:

Postponed
25%



Completed/Ongoing
75%

JUSTICE AND EQUITY

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Director of Justice and Equity - Isabela Flores

Justice and Equity Committee Chair - Ruth Kahssai

Justice and Equity Committee Members:

Valentine Komen, Darian Thompson, AJ King, Nate Disterhoft, Amna Haider, Simona Flores, Claire Miller, Joseph Haggerty, Shalini Birari, Adeline Barron, Tomy Douangkeo, Athena Schrock, Celine Kusnadi

INITIATIVE PROGRESS

Completed Initiatives:

- Hold monthly meetings with all constituency senators
- Host constituency senator office hours
- Advocate for the relocation of SDS

Initiatives In Progress:

- Advocate for the addition of a Student Disability Cultural Center
- Gather student input on the future of the cultural centers
- Optimize the UISG website in order to make it more accessible
- Work with multicultural organizations and cultural centers to expand recruitment efforts into underrepresented student populations
- Improve the UISG constituency senator election process
- Utilize UISG channels to spread awareness about social justice topics
- Institutionalize NCBI trainings
- Collaborate with OASIS to increase awareness of UISG among international students
- Better utilize and advertise gender-neutral restrooms on campus
- Actively provide educational resources on existing IT accessibility policies

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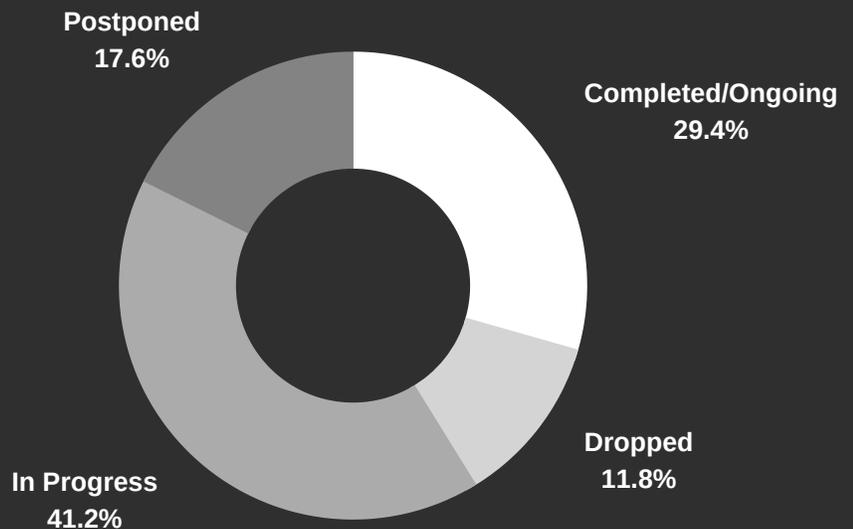
Postponed Initiatives:

- Request athletic staff and coaches participate in LGBTQ+ Safe Zone training
- Work with ISSS to improve UISG involvement in International Student Orientations

Dropped Initiatives:

- Establish a UISG profile on WeChat and encourage international students to follow the profile

Justice and Equity Initiative Statuses:



THE STUDENT LIFE

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Director of Student Services - Anthony Haughton

Student Life Committee Chair - Mara Smith

Student Life Committee Members:

Erika Harvey, Jason Kerst, Anna Turnquist, Teagan Roeder, Anna Correa, Marissa Mueller, Abigail Crow, Sam Stuckey, Jack Lauer, Joseph Verry, Bruce Tanlim

INITIATIVE PROGRESS

Completed Initiatives:

- Roll out HawkIdeas website for students to provide feedback
- Create a marketing and educational campaign for transportation services including the Iowa City/Coralville bus routes
- Market the Iowa Bus mobile application
- Meet with Housing and Dining to outline steps necessary to incorporate more allergen-free options in Dining Halls
- Draft a proposal for Dining to expand pop-up events

Initiatives In Progress:

- Advertise the existence of student discounts for city bus passes
- Advertise Flex Meal educational material
- Increase support for ICON and other Online Homework Websites
- Market resources like the Clothing Closet, Food Pantry, and Student Legal Services
- Solicit artwork from students to decorate campus
- Work with Housing and Dining to offer food during restrictive religious holidays
- Contact public safety and request an extension of Nite Ride hours to fill in gaps where service is not available
- Contact Parking and Transportation to advocate for the addition of a Finkbine Golf Course CAMBUS stop

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INITIATIVE PROGRESS

Postponed Initiatives:

- Connect catering services with local food rescue programs
- Increase marketing support for Rec After Dark programming
- Track progress and provide marketing support for CAB late night events
- Allow students to take food out of the Dining Halls

Dropped Initiatives:

- Develop a Lunch with a Professor program

STUDENT SERVICE STATISTICS

Rides given through the Airport Shuttle: **1162**

Rides given through the Coral Ridge Free Mall Shuttle: **515**

New Submissions to the new HawkIdeas website: **49**

Students Surveyed to collect feedback for the Renter's Guide: **548**

Money dispersed to student organizations through ORG T.I.P.S: **\$700**

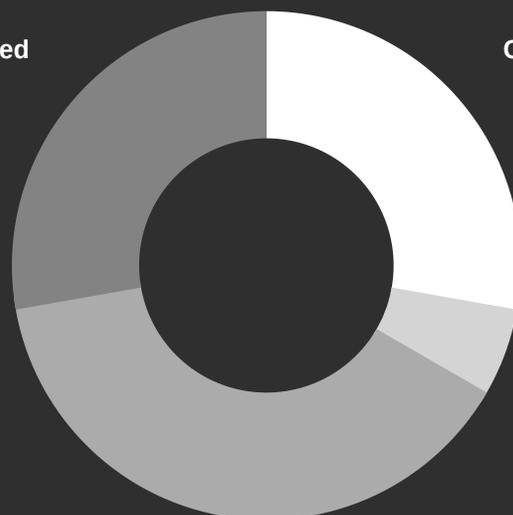
Student Life Initiative Statuses:

Postponed
27.8%

Completed/Ongoing
27.8%

Dropped
5.6%

In Progress
38.9%



SUSTAINABILITY

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Director of Sustainability - Emily Manders

Sustainability Committee Chair - Joesph Haggerty

Sustainability Committee Members:

Darian Thompson, Anna Turnquist, Omar Khodor, Simona Flores, Jacob Heid, Damaris Mira, Katey Namanny, Sam Stuckey

GREEN INITIATIVE FUND USAGE REPORT

ITEM	ALLOCATION
Improved Composting Bins	\$4,500.00
Farmer's Market Sustainability Discount(s)	\$600.00
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GIF Funding Remaining*	\$3,102.94

*Please note that additional allocations have been made by the GIF committee but have not been withdrawn by the requesting student initiative as of Jan 23rd, 2020.



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INITIATIVE PROGRESS

Completed Initiatives:

- Improved Composting Bins across campus
- Advocate for more sustainable 'bulletin board' practices
- Work with Facilities Management and other campus partners to maintain and institutionalize natural prairie gardens
- Collaborate with Fair Trade at Iowa to improve purchasing practices both internally and university-wide
- Host a Student Day at the Farmer's Market to promote local purchasing
- Educate off-campus students about recycling and composting options
- Reduce the amount of single-use plastics/other waste produced on campus

Ongoing Initiatives:

- Participate in conversations regarding the success of the 2020 Sustainability Goals
- Better market the residence hall composting program to RAs and 1st-Year Students
- Advocate for more accessible composting services in apartments

Initiatives In Progress:

- Create centralized compost drop-off locations on campus
- Host a sustainability workshop during RA training
- Provide more sustainability dorm hall events and within organizations
- Advertise the UISG Green Initiatives Fund more heavily
- Expand composting to Fraternity and Sorority chapter structures
- Continue to aid the UI Gardeners in creating a garden close to campus
- Create marketing around sustainable lifestyle choices in residence halls
- Advocate for the Sustainability/Systems Thinking General Education Requirement
- Ensure landlords are providing recycling bins at off-campus housing locations
- Work with Iowa City to bring multi-material recycling to off campus housing
- Collaborate with Student Organizations and incentivize zero-waste/low-waste events with GIF

Postponed Initiatives:

- Propose a bylaw that would require a Greek Life chapter Sustainability Chair

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INITIATIVE PROGRESS

Dropped Initiatives:

- Advocate for more sustainable fertilization practices
- Increase number of water bottle fillers on campus

Sustainability Initiative Statuses:

