

2020

University of Iowa  
Student Government

# UISG YEAR-END REPORT

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# LETTER FROM THE CABINET DIRECTOR

It has been my pleasure to oversee and aid the 2019-2020 Executive Cabinet during the Mills-Henry administration. Having one of the most productive years in recent UISG history, our organization was sure to make our mark on campus and better the lives of students at the University of Iowa. Not only making impacts at home, but also igniting change across the Big Ten Conference, UISG

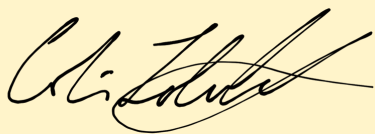
members in the 2019-2020 term have proved time and time again that the work we do matters not just for us but for all of the students we serve.

Our Executive Cabinet has working diligently to redefine what productivity and impact looks like within our organization. Producing more efficient processes, reworking finance guidelines, and increasing the quality of our communications have all been instrumental in our work during this term. These achievements would have never happened without the hard work of our Executive members and Senators.

Laying down a new standard for UISG work in the future, this administration has put UISG on a path that will ultimately make the work we do more impactful, more widespread, and more empowering for each student at the University of Iowa.

Sincerely,

Colin Lakadat  
Cabinet Director



Cabinet Director  
Colin Lakadat

# REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT



President  
Noel Mills



Vice President  
Sarah Henry

- Association of Big Ten Students 2020 Winter Conference
  - At Indiana University just before the spring semester started, a delegation of seven UISG members joined representatives from the other 13 Big 10 Universities to network, brainstorm, and pass legislation. While a comprehensive collection of legislation passed at not only the 2020 winter conference but all conferences can be found at [www.abts10.org](http://www.abts10.org), the below pieces are those Iowa sponsored at the recent winter conference:
    - A Resolution in Support of Providing Excused Absences Allowing Students to Vote in Federal Elections
    - A Resolution to Enact a Three-Year Strategic Plan for the ABTS
    - A Resolution Supporting the Establishment of Identity-Based Caucuses to Strengthen the Association of Big Ten Students' (ABTS) Advocacy Capacity
    - A Resolution in Support of Incentivized Cultural Competency Training for Faculty & Staff of the Big Ten
    - ABTS Commitment to Creating a Director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Affairs position in the ABTS Bylaws
- Bolstered Emergency Support Fund by nearly \$100,000
  - The Emergency Support Fund is a joint fund between UISG and GPSG that is kept at about \$5000. Held and allocated by the Office of the Dean of Students, it acts as a safety net for students in unexpected financial situations. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting financial hardship, approximately \$100,000 was transferred from the UISG Contingency Account, the SABAC Allocation Account, and the FY20 Operational Budget. Marketing of the Emergency Support Fund was increased drastically by not only UISG but by a multitude of departments across campus.



# REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

- Advocated for policies affecting students amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - Pass/Nonpass grading option - The COVID-19 pandemic has taken and will continue to take an unexpected toll on students. Giving students the option between receiving traditional grades or Pass/Nonpass (which does not affect GPA) is aimed at relieving the stress of GPA maintenance during this already incredibly stressful time. No student should have to fail a class because they're dealing with a pandemic.
  - Syllabus statement - Many other Big 10 institutions committed to including a statement on all students' syllabi noting the Spring 2020 semester as the semester during which the COVID-19 pandemic struck. UISG advocated for this statement and Provost Fuentes agreed to make the addition.
  - Commencement alternatives - While traditional commencement had to be cancelled, UISG worked with campus partners to figure out alternatives for graduating students. Virtual ceremonies will take place during the time traditional commencement ceremonies were scheduled, and students may still order cap, gown, tassel, and other graduation accessories. Additionally, graduating students may walk during the Fall 2020 or Spring 2021 commencement ceremonies.
- Participated in the creation of the Path Forward P3 grant allocation process
  - During the Spring 2020 semester, the University of Iowa closed on a Public Private Partnership (P3) in order to create more financial capital to advance the university's strategic plan. UISG had the privilege of participating in this process from the beginning, and one of the key aspects of the Partnership is how the revenue generated will be allocated. This semester, the UISG President sat on a committee to shape the P3 grant allocation process. The UISG President also has a standing seat on the Path Forward Steering Committee, a critical decision-maker about how the allocations are made. UISG has ensured and will continue to ensure a student seat at every table related to the allocation of P3 generated funds, and hopefully P3 grants will bring our university closer to where we envision it can be.

# REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

- Participated in the Vice President for Student Life Search Committee
  - The UISG President sat on the VPSL Search Committee, and UISG as a whole participated in the search process. UISG also worked to market the VPSL on-campus interview events and the candidate feedback forms. The new VPSL is Sarah Hansen, and UISG will work closely with her to ensure a smooth transition and strong partnership in the coming years.
- Lead charge in rebranding
  - Unified Iowa Student Government brand – The University of Iowa has undergone rebranding, strongly requesting all logos at the university have a block IOWA graphic with the name of the organization below the graphic. UISG and GPSG will have a unified logo with “Student Government” written below the block IOWA.
  - Name change from UISG to USG – With the rebranding, UISG will undergo a name change to Undergraduate Student Government to better align with its work and who the organization represents.
- Sat on Governor Reynolds’ Complete Count U.S. Census Committee
  - The UISG President was asked to sit on Governor Reynolds’ committee charged with getting as accurate a count as possible in the 2020 U.S. Census. Through marketing efforts like tabling events, social media posts, and mass emails, UISG is trying to ensure all Hawkeyes complete their census survey.
- Advocated for university-wide sustainability initiatives
  - Sustainability general education requirement – UISG and GPSG passed a joint resolution calling for the creation of a sustainability general education requirement. The UISG President has been in conversations with general education review committees and although a requirement was not finalized, it is in the process of hopefully becoming a reality.
  - 2030 Sustainability Goals – the joint resolution referenced above also called for the creation of 2030 sustainability goals for the University of Iowa. UISG members sit on the 2030 Sustainability Goals committee and will continue working to ensure these goals are established and progress is made toward achieving them.
- Advocated for and participated in a Student Success Team meeting on campus-wide mentoring
  - Student mentoring has been an area of need on campus for many years. In the spring 2020 semester, UISG leadership advocated for a Student Success Team meeting to be focused entirely on campus-wide mentoring, and the meeting was a huge success. Members of UISG are continuing to work with the Student Success Team to develop resources for finding or becoming a mentor.

# REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

- **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.
- **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.
- **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.

# REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

- **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.
  
- **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.



# UISG 2019-2020 TOP 10



01

## **HOSTED THE ASSOCIATION OF BIG TEN STUDENTS 2019 SUMMER CONFERENCE**

In July 2019, UISG hosted every Big Ten student government association for our annual summer conference. Representatives from the fourteen Student Government Associations passed legislation, shared ideas, and began working on new collaborative projects to be implemented at their respective campuses.



02

## **JOINT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES**

UISG passed a joint resolution with GPSG that sparked the creation of university-wide Sustainability General Education Requirement and 2030 Sustainability Goals task forces.



03

## **ENSURED FUTURE FUNDING FOR STUDENT ORGANIZATION EQUIPMENT**

UISG advocated for and passed a \$2 Student Activity Fee increase proposal in order to ensure the long-term sustainability of the Deferred Maintenance Fund for student organization equipment. The approval of this increase is still needed by the Board of Regents.

# UISG 2019-2020 TOP 10



04

## **VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT LIFE SEARCH**

Members of UISG participated in the selection of the new Vice President for Student Life, Sarah Hansen. We're so excited for her in her new role and are confident she'll be a great advocate for students in our Hawkeye community.



05

## **TRANSFER STUDENT LIAISON**

UISG passed legislation to add a Transfer Student Liaison position to our organization, giving more intentional representation to transfer students, an important group of students on our campus.

06



## **BOLSTERED THE EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUND**

UISG secured approximately \$100,000 to supplement the existing Emergency Support Fund for students amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. This fund has helped students facing financial barriers as a result of the changes the pandemic has caused.

# UISG 2019-2020 TOP 10



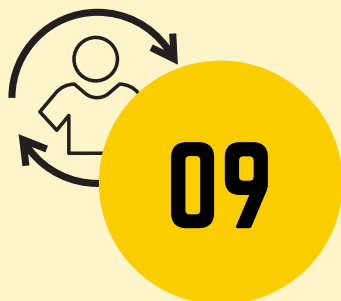
## **ADVOCATED FOR STUDENTS THROUGH THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

We advocated for multiple commencement alternatives, a Pass/Nonpass grading system, and a syllabus statement to accommodate for the differing needs of students during the COVID-19 pandemic, all of which were implemented.



## **COMPLETE COUNT CENSUS COMMITTEE**

President Mills participated in Governor Reynolds' Complete Count Census Committee and helped UISG create marketing materials regarding the 2020 U.S. Census. It is more important than ever for college students to fill out their census at their college campus address.



## **NEW NAME AND REBRANDING**

UISG rebranded to be Undergraduate Student Government and changed our logo alongside GPSG to fit in line with the University's continuing efforts to rebrand.



## **GREEN BANDANA PROJECT**

UISG's Health and Safety team created infrastructure for the successful launch of the mental health awareness campaign, Green Bandana Project, in the fall. This project is one of many created in collaboration with the Association of Big Ten Students.

# THE NUMBERS

**63.9%**

of platform initiatives completed in the term

**950+**

rides given through the Airport Shuttle



**60+**

new student led ideas posted to HawkIdeas

**548**

students surveyed for the renter's guide

**\$700+**

dispersed through ORG TIP\$

**14**

External Relations tabling events

Throughout the term, many UISG members track the metrics of our initiatives and operational structures so that we can reflect on our progress and work to achieve even more in the future. Some of the ones we wanted to highlight can be found here. Additional metrics can be found on the University of Iowa Student Government website in our Student Services Report and past Cabinet Director Reports.

**\$5,500+**

dispersed through the Green Initiatives Fund



# END-YEAR PLATFORM REPORT

# 63.9%

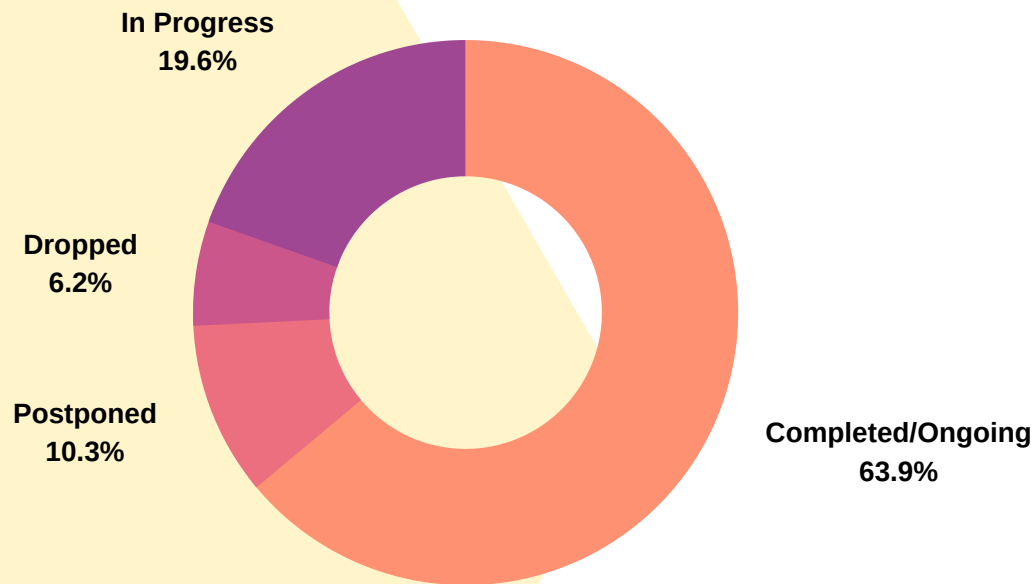
of initiatives completed or ongoing by the end of the 2019-2020 term

Each year, the UISG Executive Branch operates under a platform of initiatives that we strive to complete before the end of the administration. In years past, averages for completion of platform initiatives have floated around 40-50% completed. In our report, initiatives follow the following classifications: completed and ongoing, in progress, dropped, or postponed. This term, the 2019-

2020 team has accomplished the following in terms of initiative progress: postponed 10.3%, dropped 6.2%, 19.6% in progress, and have completed or have ongoing 63.9%.

Ending our term with 63.9% completion rate is an accomplishment every member of UISG is surely proud of. Maintaining passion throughout the year, hitting the ground running during the summer, and remaining focused towards the end of year allowed our members to continue their impactful work until the end of the term. Having one of the most productive years in recent UISG history, this administration was sure to make a positive mark on the lives of students at the University of Iowa and laid a path for the incoming administration to follow in order to have yet another very productive year.

The only hinderance of progress during the term would originate from the move to online learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As students transitioned to online learning and faculty and staff members around the University of Iowa adjust to the new normal, we continued to strive to make the most out of the situation by working remotely and holding meetings via video conference.



# ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

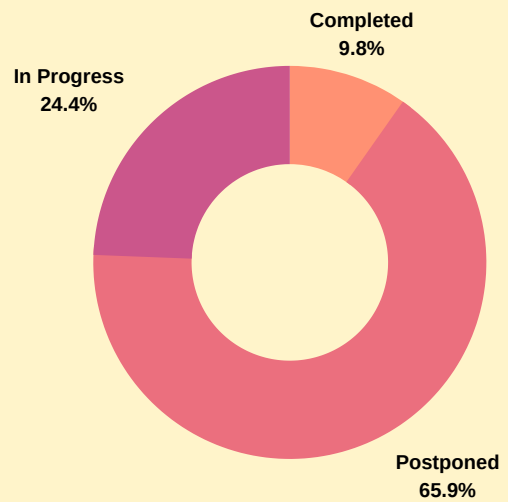
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- Abigail Crow
- Sierra Wicks
- Jack Lauer
- Elizabeth Folkers
- Gui Pinho
- Yara Moustafa
- Katherine Michalski
- Patrick Johnson
- Joycelyn Jorbedom



Director of Academic Affairs  
Regan Smock

## YEAR-END PLATFORM PROGRESS:



## COMMITTEE WORK SUMMARY

This year the Academic Affairs Committee worked hard to complete initiatives from the 2019-2020 University of Iowa Student Government Platform. We worked to improve Orientation for transfer and veteran populations by collaborating with Transfers Leading Change, University of Iowa Veterans Association, and Orientation Services. We orchestrated the Textbook Donation Drive at the end of the fall semester. Academic Affairs committee members advocated for increased funding for Supplemental Instruction in the Path Forward Student Success group. We pushed the importance of the implementation of a Sustainability General Education Requirement to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences graduation requirements. We developed the Lunch with a Professor Program, making faculty more assessable to students. We advocated for Student Disability Services to outreach to students with mental health conditions. Also, Academic Affairs advocated for TRiO to serve more students with disabilities. We also worked to request inclusion of accessibility information in all advertisements for and information about commencement ceremonies. Academic Affairs started conversations around a graduation gown drive for the upcoming administration. Members of the committee expanded the Honors Program to include more affordable options for experiential learning options. UISG worked with UI Libraries to support Open Hawks, Open Educational Resources, making online and affordable textbooks a real priority for UI students.

- Regan Smock

# CITY LIAISONS



City Liaison  
Austin Wu



Deputy City Liaison  
Ryan Longenecker

## CITY LIAISON WORK SUMMARY

In October 2019, the second annual Renters Guide was released, and the third annual City Council election forum took place ahead of municipal elections in November 2019. The Renters Guide provides quantitative information on area landlords to prospective student renters on a variety of topics including maintenance, average rent, and security deposit return, while the forum sought to increase student engagement in local politics. In February 2020, the inaugural joint meeting took place with the Undergraduate Student Government, Graduate and Professional Student Government, as well as council and staff from the City of Iowa City. The aim of this meeting was to improve town/gown relations and communications and was the result of efforts initially spearheaded by last year's City Liaison, Gustave Stewart. Throughout the year, regular contact was maintained with City Council via public comment, submittal of items into correspondence, participation in work sessions, as well as private meetings with individual members of Council. Particular issues of note include the planned development at 12 E. Court St., affordable housing for students, and the transit study conducted by the City throughout most of the 2019/2020 academic year. Contacts were also maintained with a variety of civic organizations and groups, including the Iowa City Downtown District, Iowa City Bicycle Advisory Community, and the Johnson County Affordable Housing Coalition, in order to convey student interests to these groups and collect information on municipal issues.

- Austin Wu

# EXTERNAL RELATIONS

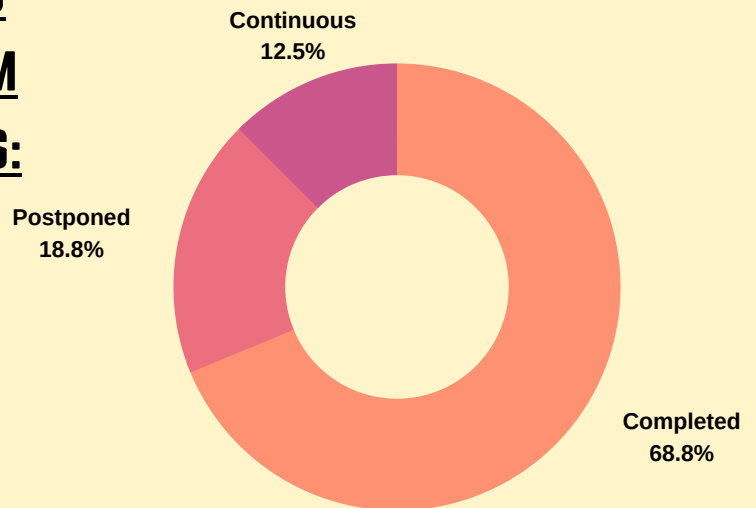


Director of External Relations  
Kayla Cleland

## Committee Member List:

- John Dickens (Chair)
- Adeline Barron
- Jason Kerst
- Anna Turnnquist
- Amna Haider
- Athena Schrock
- Marissa Mueller
- Celine Kusnadi
- Matt Cooke

## YEAR-END PLATFORM PROGRESS:



## COMMITTEE WORK SUMMARY

This term the External Relations committee continued developing methods to improve the relationship between UISG and the student body. The biggest project that External Relations took on was the student organization liaison program. They worked to make sure that each senator had a few student organizations they worked as the liaison for, meaning that the student organizations could contact them directly if they had questions in regards to funding or any other areas of UISG. We also developed plans to expand this program in the future and came up with drafts of future emails we hope student org liaisons can send out on a monthly basis to their organizations. Additionally, we continued to work on ideas to improve External Relations events such as Complain for a Cookie and Breakfast with UISG, brainstorming on how to connect those events with HawkIdeas. We also developed the social media student event spotlight posts along with the Communications team. We researched events being held on campus by smaller student organizations and made the schedule for which ones the Communications team would promote or honor during which week. This is one of our newer initiatives that was unfortunately halted because of COVID-19, but we saw a lot of engagement with the posts and hope to continue it into the next administration.

- Kayla Cleland



# FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Committee Member List:**

Zoë Hamstreet (Chair)  
Collin Kepner  
Matt Cooke  
Omar Khodor  
Erika Harvey  
Anna Turnquist



Director of Finance  
Adam Burghduff

**YEAR-END  
PLATFORM  
PROGRESS:**



Completed  
100%

# FINANCE COMMITTEE

## COMMITTEE WORK SUMMARY

This fiscal year brought many unanticipated challenges. We had a tighter budget than many recent years and because of this had to engage in budget cuts to help keep the fiscal stability of all student organizations for years to come. Due to the lack of funds, this committee has had to make many changes most notably that we changed our name to the Finance Committee in the hopes that students will be more easily able to identify us! Our year has been focused on transparency within our committee, to all of the 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. We passed legislation regarding executive spending to guide executives for years to come on how to properly spend student funds. In general we worked on strengthening our relationships with community partners and student organizations with the committee and our members hosting over 100 meetings this year. We also helped with the external relations initiative, the student organization liaison program. We hope this program can help expand student organization finance knowledge and make our process even more transparent. Other changes to the review process including listing other opportunities for funding sources on our application and creating a form to apply for the accessibility fund. We also helped allocate over \$75,000 to the Emergency Fund, and worked with student organizations to help them donate their excess funds. We believe that going forward many of these changes we have made will help student governments better allocate funds and make sure situations like last year do not happen in the years going forward.

# GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

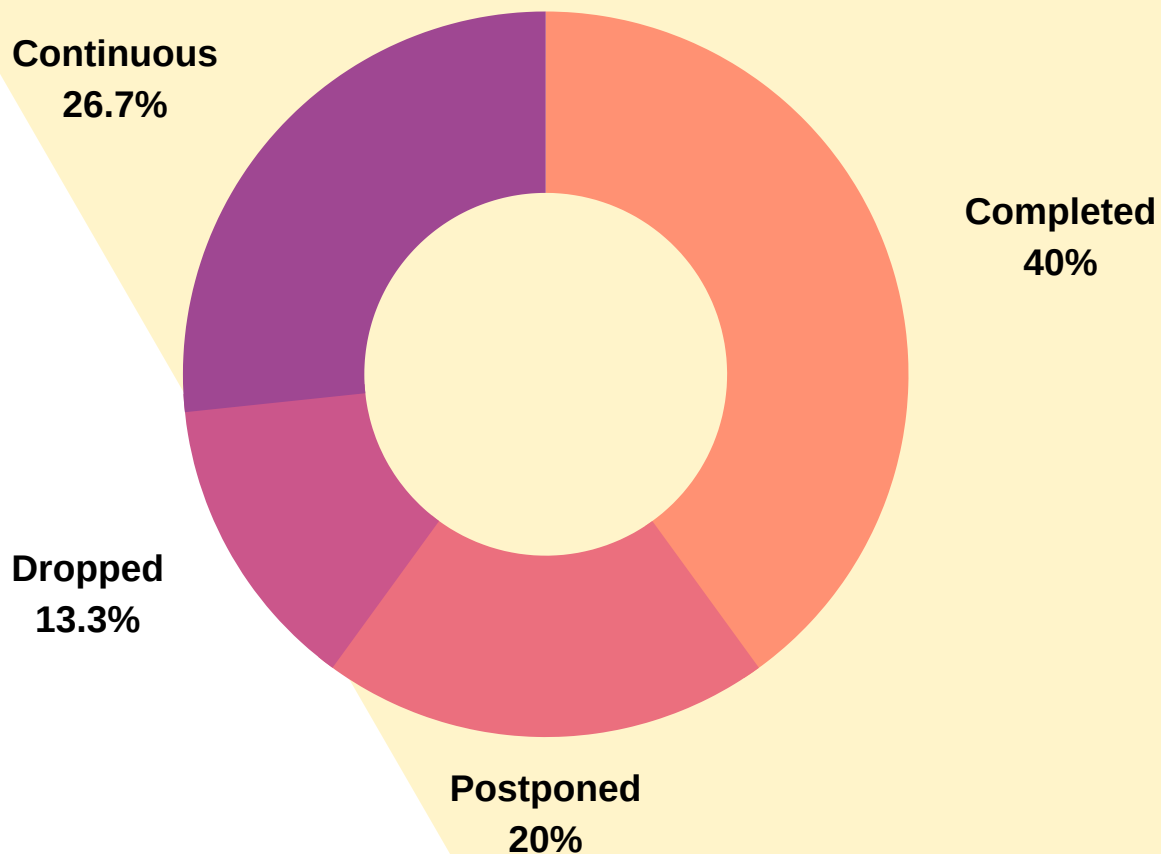
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Director of Governmental Relations  
Connor Wooff

**YEAR-END PLATFORM PROGRESS:**



# GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

## COMMITTEE WORK SUMMARY



Deputy Director of  
Governmental Relations  
Conrad Beech

In the 2019-2020 term, our organization and governmental relations team pushed the envelope to ensure voices were heard on critical issues to students. We started the administration by traveling the state of Iowa, meeting with legislators in the coffee shops and bowling alleys of their hometowns. We shared with them our legislative priorities, including medical amnesty and increased appropriations to the University of Iowa. As fall rolled around, UISG leadership joined university administration and campus officials in visiting D.C. for the biannual Hawkeye Caucus events. There we discussed the importance of renewing and modernizing the Higher Education Act, federal legislation that regulates colleges and universities across the country. Our main priorities were ensuring access to mental health resources and support for survivors, as well as simplifying the FASFA form and increasing Pell grant dollars. UISG also hosted Regent David Barker for a student-led campus tour which included conversations with the Iowa Center for Research by Undergraduates and UI Cultural Centers. In response to the new voter ID law, student government wanted to ensure the lack thereof would not limit any Hawkeye's access to the ballot box. We worked with administration in providing students a temporary ID card that would act as a state-approved form of identification which can be picked up at any point before Election Day. With the start of the Spring semester, the UISG governmental relations team began our weekly trips to the Iowa State Capitol. For the first time, we invited student organization leaders from across campus to join us in sharing the student experience. Our top priority for these visits was the passage of a statewide medical amnesty law, which has been on the UISG state agenda for nearly five years. If passed, the bill would protect underage persons when seeking medical assistance for alcohol-related emergencies. For the first time ever, our bill passed the Iowa House of Representatives in a near-unanimous vote. Unfortunately, COVID-19 has put a pause on all state legislative activity, including medical amnesty. In order to increase outreach and maintain civic engagement, the governmental relations committee held a Post Caucus Civic Engagement Fair giving students the opportunity to continue involvement. Lastly, amid the global pandemic, UISG leadership is meeting with Iowa's members of Congress to push the passage of the All Dependents Count act that will provide financial relief to college-aged dependents currently excluded by the Coronavirus economic package.

- Connor Wooff



# HEALTH AND SAFETY

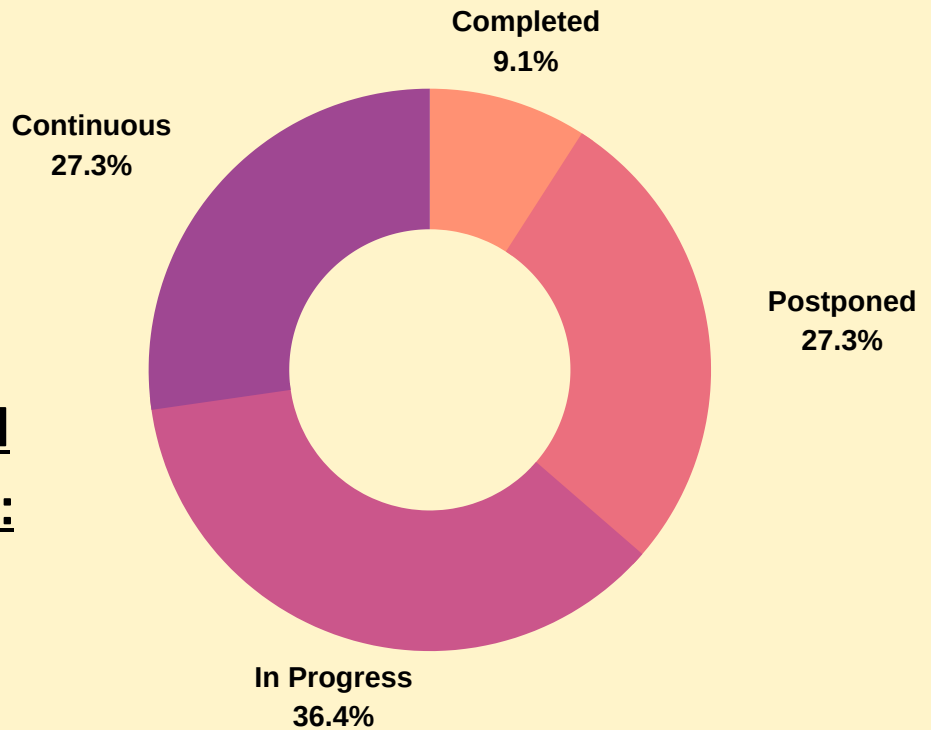
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- Cade McNeill
- Airiana Mohr
- Cam Coates



Director of Health and Safety  
Aastha Chandra

**YEAR-END  
PLATFORM  
PROGRESS:**



## **COMMITTEE WORK SUMMARY**

The Health & Safety Committee created infrastructure to launch the Green Bandana Project in the Fall 2020 semester. We created an LGBTQ+ area resource guide that the next Communications Team will design and distribute in the fall. We held major discussions around updating HawkTools with ITS, and it will be happening but the timeline and source of funding remains unknown. We also go to participate in the Green Flag Fair and Fresh Check Day, which are health & wellness resource events for students!

# INTERNAL AFFAIRS

## Committee Member List:

Anna Correa (Chair)

Guowei Qi

Mara Smith

Lauryn Schnack

Joseph Verry



Internal Affairs Committee Chair  
Anna Correa

## COMMITTEE WORK SUMMARY

Internal Affairs started off the spring semester by bringing in 6 new senators to UISG. The committee also began conversations regarding the restructuring of our constituency senator positions to ensure that students of marginalized backgrounds are represented as well as possible. Additionally, Internal Affairs redesigned the Presidential Charter Committee placement process and utilized the new system to fill over 40 positions on these committees in light of the move to virtual campus life. Overall, the Internal Affairs Committee wrote up guides, made templates, and created transition documents for the next administration of Internal Affairs members who have not had the experience of serving on the committee previously.

- Committee Chair Anna Correa

# JUSTICE AND EQUITY

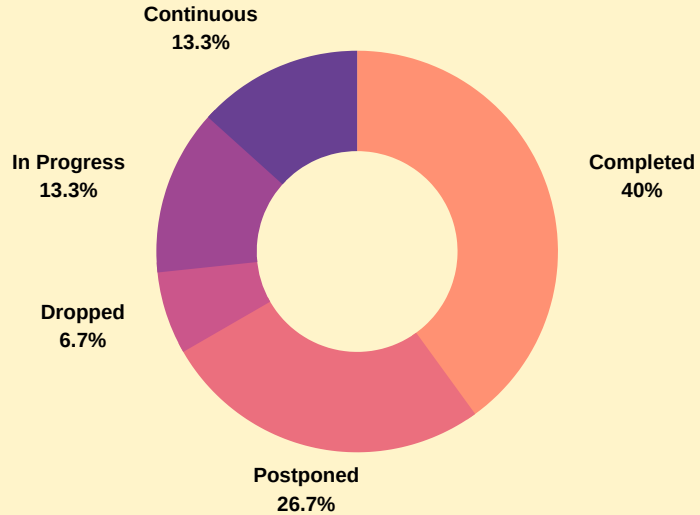
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## YEAR-END PLATFORM PROGRESS:



Director of Justice and Equity  
Isabela Flores



## COMMITTEE WORK SUMMARY

The Justice and Equity committee engaged in a handful of initiatives this year. Our year required a lot of adjustment and flexibility, especially at the beginning. We had quite a few senators within Justice and Equity serve on a committee to help with the creation of the First Gen Summit in the fall. Following that, a few senators within Justice and Equity volunteered to support the Celebrating You! event, headed by Ruth in collaboration with student leaders from multicultural organizations, which served as an alternative event for Charlie Kirk. Throughout fall, Ruth and I sat in on Cultural Corridor meetings to learn about the advancement of this project. I have yet to receive follow up meetings since fall, but have learned that this is what the committee is calling “researching time” where people are looking into what it means to have a single multicultural center v. multiple identity-based centers. Further, they are exploring how to get more students involved as far as recommendations/feedback. Some final things to add are: we had a group working to find out more information about the possibility of creating a scholarship for returning students who identify as a student of color as a form of retention efforts. There was an initial interest in writing a piece in support of a sanctuary campus, but didn’t get too far off the ground. Further, we had a pair of senators communicating with CDE to discuss the addition of a MENA identifier on documents. Our disability constituency senator worked tirelessly to bring accessibility to the forefront of various offices, departments, and our own organization. As mentioned earlier, the committee was very flexible and willing to assist in a variety of projects and initiatives that weren’t necessarily listed on the list of initiatives presented. They worked quickly to address what was happening in the moment on campus, which is, arguably, how the work of justice and equity operates - which is not necessarily in a structured, colonial way. Overall, proud of the work that the team engaged in this year and am interested in learning about how these initiatives continue to grow.

- Isabela Flores

# SUSTAINABILITY

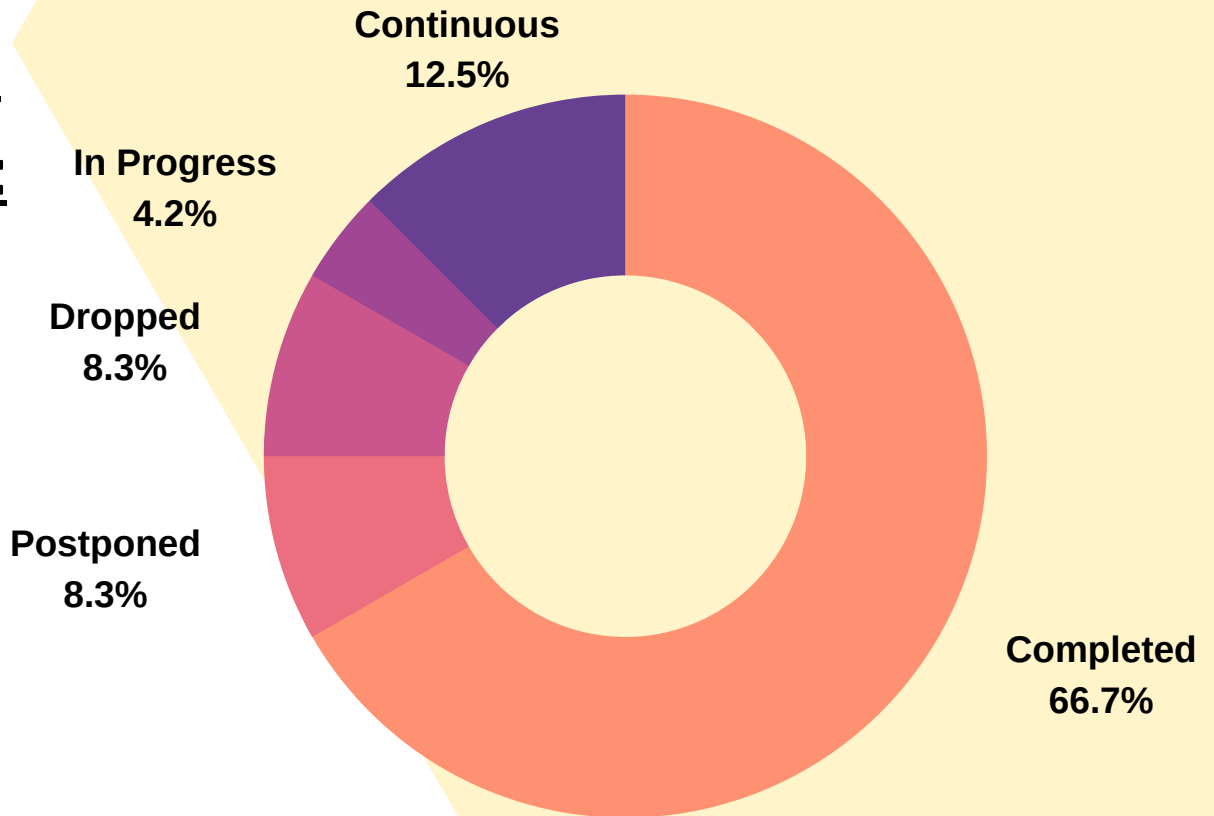
## Committee Member List:

- Joseph Haggerty (Chair)
- Darian Thompson
- Sam Stuckey
- Omar Khodor
- Simona Flores
- Jacob Heid
- Damaris Mirea
- Katey Namanny
- Caleb Slater



Director of Sustainability  
Emily Manders

## YEAR-END PLATFORM PROGRESS:



# SUSTAINABILITY

## COMMITTEE WORK SUMMARY

We kicked things off in the beginning of fall semester with Student Day at the Farmers Market in collaboration with the Iowa City. On three separate Farmers Market days we gave out 200 vouchers to UIowa students for \$3 off anywhere in the market. This initiative focused not only on introducing local foods to students, but to make the Farmers Market more financially accessible. During Joint Session we declared a Climate Emergency. This piece of legislation was cocreated by GPSG and UISG to acknowledge the realness of climate change. It called upon UIOWA to be global leaders in the field of sustainability and carbon mitigation by creating a climate change adaptation and mitigation plan, as well as a unified call to action regarding the climate crisis. It included details such as a call to divest in fossil fuels, reduction in carbon emissions, the creation of 2030 sustainability goals, a sustainability gen ed core in colleges, and much more. This piece of legislation inspired a climate emergency legislation to be passed by Faculty Senate and led to President Harreld to declare a Climate Emergency University-wide. We continued throughout the year giving funding to sustainable events and projects through the Green Initiatives Fund (GIF). One initiative that received GIF funding was the purchasing of new compost bins for both the River Room and the Hawkeye Room in the IMU. These bins were focused on decreasing contamination rates in our compost and recycling. The sustainability committee also worked on making recycling more accessible for those living off campus, and created an easy way for students to report if they do not have access to recycling. Through collaboration with University Housing, sustainability now has a larger part in upcoming staff trainings, specifically centered around being environmentally conscious as a Resident Assistant. The sustainability committee also designed the sustainability themed bulletin boards to be hung in April.

- Emily Manders



# STUDENT LIFE

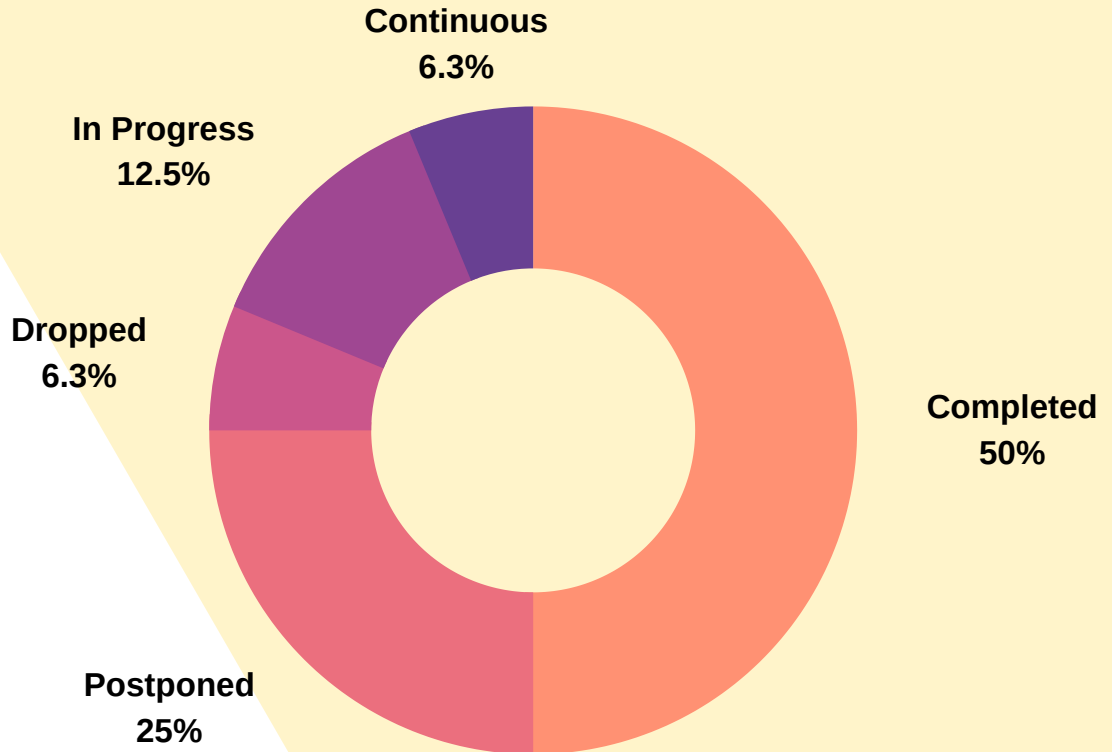
## Committee Member List:

- Mara Smith (Chair)
- Bruce Tanlim
- Jason Kerst
- Katey Namanny
- Joseph Verry
- Anna Correa
- Marissa Mueller
- Abigail Crow
- Sam Stuckey
- Jack Lauer
- Cam Coates
- Airiana Mohr
- Yara Moustafa
- Cade McNeill



Director of Student Services  
Anthony Haughton

## YEAR-END PLATFORM PROGRESS:



# STUDENT LIFE

## COMMITTEE WORK SUMMARY

### I) Airport Shuttle

- a) Over the course of FY20, the UISG airport shuttle service served 958 students, with 1,125 making reservations for the shuttle.
- b) The overall cost of the service for FY20 was \$21,660.50.
  - i) \$12,500 + \$5,000 allocated from UISG Operational Budget
  - ii) \$1,000 allocated from ISSS
  - iii) \$1,500 allocated from GPSG
  - iv) Approximately \$1,660.50 covered by Parking & Transportation

### II) Coral Ridge Mall Free Shuttle

- a) During FY20 the Coral Ridge Mall Service provided free transportation to 752 students. This marks a 16% increase in service compared to FY19.
- b) The overall cost of the service was \$564.00 for FY20.

### III) Hammock Park Initiative

- a) This initiative was completed by the 2019-2020 Senate, passing a financial allocation to pay for the equipment and construction of the Hammock Park.

### IV) Student Leadership Training Incentive Program - ORG TIP\$

- a) This program is currently being institutionalized with the Student Organization Development Team.
- b) The program has been renamed ORG TIP\$
- c) The service was used 12 times by 6 organizations

### V) IMU Checkouts

- a) This service has proven beneficial for students who are aware of it. UISG must become more intentional about working with the IMU to market this service.

### VI) HawkIdeas

- a) A great tool for students when wanting to connect with UISG, but we need to do a much broader job of marketing the service. Long-term goals should include becoming more involved with the review, distribution, and execution of ideas submitted.

**2019-2020**  
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