SENATE BILL S24-09
SENATE MEETING April 22, 2024

TITLE: Supporting Hunger Relief: GPSS – SHOP Donation Act

WHEREAS: Students Helping Our Peers (SHOP) is a food pantry for Iowa State Students, located in 1306 Beyer Hall;

WHEREAS: According to demographics gathered by SHOP administration, roughly 65% of SHOP users are graduate students;

WHEREAS: SHOP provides a consistent supply of a wide variety of food items catering to students of various cultural backgrounds;

WHEREAS: Due to an unprecedented demand for SHOP in the past years, SHOP is undergoing an expansion project to ensure continuous and sufficient supply to meet the increasing number of students relying on SHOP for daily nutritional intake and basic needs;

WHEREAS: The SHOP expansion project includes expansion of physical space (into 1308 Beyer Hall), purchase of additional non-perishable and cold storage units, expansion of basic needs personnel, upgrade of operational (e.g. meeting, training, preparation, programming) space, upgrade of SHOP door security and access;

WHEREAS: SHOP expansion project is funded through multiple university and external sources, and additional funding is needed to finish the expansion project (See Table A1);

WHEREAS: SHOP is requesting $85,000 to fund the above-mentioned additional funding needed for the expansion project. The breakdown of this donation is included in Table A2;

ENACTED: GPSS donates $85,000 to SHOP for the purchase of cold storage units, cost share portion of the space upgrade of Room 1310, and door security (key card access) for the pantry;
ENACTED: The donation happens in a one-time payment and the SHOP executive team provides a comprehensive financial report of the use of this donation and an impact presentation of the donation at the one-year point after the bill approval (F25-26) to the Senate facilitated by the Senate Wellness Officer and Vice President;

ENACTED: SHOP recognizes the donation from GPSS and the entire graduate student body.

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