



IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Graduate & Professional Student Senate

SENATE RESOLUTION F23-01 SENATE MEETING November 27th, 2023

- TITLE:** Support Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility (IDEA) initiatives at Iowa State University.
- WHEREAS:** On March 1st, the Iowa State Board of Regents proposed House Bill 218, which seeks to restrict Institutions of Higher Learning under its governance from allocating funds for diversity, equity, and inclusion offices or appointing individuals to diversity, equity, and inclusion roles, and
- WHEREAS:** The Board of Regents was tasked to conduct a comprehensive study and review of the diversity, equity and inclusion programs and efforts of each institution of higher learning under its control, and
- WHEREAS:** The report includes 10 recommendations for DEI at the regent institutions, including restructuring the central, university-wide DEI offices, restricting people from being “compelled to disclose their pronouns” and eliminating positions that are not “necessary for compliance, accreditation or student and employee support services, and
- WHEREAS:** This could result in a significant reduction or potential elimination of resources allocated to our diversity, equity, and inclusion programs, directly impacting the support available to students, and
- WHEREAS:** GPSS is in the unique position to develop and disseminate ideas for the improvement of graduate and professional education and contribute to the formation of relevant University policies, be it therefore
- RESOLVED:** The GPSS support and uphold activities and functions of the Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) office, be it further
- RESOLVED:** That GPSS will work towards supporting and promoting the important work conducted by the DEI office, be it further
- RESOLVED:** That copies of this resolution be sent to the University President, the University Provost, the Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, the deans of each college, and the editor of the Iowa State Daily.



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