



IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Graduate & Professional Student Senate

SENATE ORDER F23-03 **SENATE MEETING October 30, 2023**

TITLE: Evaluation of Funding Models and Academic Support of Interdepartmental Graduate Programs

WHEREAS: Interdepartmental Programs rely on the support from various Colleges and Departments to operate, offer courses, and support students, and

WHEREAS: GPSS Senators from Interdepartmental Programs raised concerns over the lack of resources, academic offerings, oversight, and funding for Interdepartmental Programs on the September 25th Senate Meeting, and

WHEREAS: There are documented cases of required or important courses from Interdepartmental Programs not being offered due to lack of resources and compensation to faculty, and

WHEREAS: Students and staff from Interdepartmental Programs have expressed they often feel overlooked or left behind because of their funding structures and lack of dedicated faculty to advocate for them, be it therefore

ORDERED: That Executive Council meet with the Provost and the Dean of the Graduate College to investigate funding considerations, management, and future plans for Graduate Interdepartmental Programs, and

ORDERED: That the Senate hold a forum for graduate and professional students from Interdepartmental Programs to hear their concerns and identify recurring issues to address, and

ORDERED: That the findings from the meetings and forums be collected in a report to the Senate, and

ORDERED: That the Senate Engagement Officer meet with the President of the Faculty Senate to discuss joint actions to address concerns over curriculums, academic support, and oversight of Graduate Interdepartmental Programs.



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