



# IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

## Graduate & Professional Student Senate

### SENATE RESOLUTION S13-15 SENATE MEETING APRIL 22, 2013

- TITLE:** Providing Affordable Health Insurance for Family Members
- WHEREAS:** Graduate and professional students commonly have a family or start a family while attending Iowa State University, and
- WHEREAS:** Mandates by Iowa State University for international students require health insurance for the family members of graduate and professional students, and
- WHEREAS:** The current health insurance offered by Iowa State for spouse, child, or spouse/child can exceed one-half of the monthly average stipend of graduate students, and
- WHEREAS:** Providing lower cost student family health insurance will promote greater opportunities and marketing of Iowa State to prospective students with families, and
- WHEREAS:** A 2013 survey of graduate and professional students conducted by the Graduate Excellence Subcommittee identified the need to reduce the cost of the family plan in order to enhance graduate experience, and
- WHEREAS:** Iowa State still has an opportunity to take bids for health insurance needs for the upcoming years, be it therefore
- RESOLVED:** The Graduate and Professional Student Senate supports providing lower cost health insurance through Iowa State or through a selected alternative provider for family members of Iowa State University students, be it further
- RESOLVED:** The GPSS present its case to the Student and Scholars Health Insurance Program Office (SSHIP) and the SSHIP Committee, be it further
- RESOLVED:** Copies of this resolution be sent to the Graduate Council, the Graduate College, the Dean of Students, the Student and the SSHIP Office.

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