



IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Graduate & Professional Student Senate

SENATE RESOLUTION F15-02 SENATE MEETING SEPTEMBER 21, 2015

- TITLE:** Resolution in Support of the Safety, Education, and Empowerment of all Iowa State University Community Members
- WHEREAS:** A multicultural student-led peaceful protest on September 12, 2015 was met with aggressive and derogatory verbal and physical attacks, which violated the multicultural environment of the university, and
- WHEREAS:** Subsequent discussions amongst the student community highlight that students experience discrimination and micro aggressions on a frequent basis, and
- WHEREAS:** The Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, ethnicity, religion, national origin, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, sex, marital status, physical or mental disability, or status as a U.S. veteran, and
- WHEREAS:** Safety at home, in school, and in the community is a right of the entire population of Iowa State University, and
- WHEREAS:** Education enhances the experience, safety, and empowerment of all members of the Iowa State University Community, and
- WHEREAS:** Empowerment of all people is enhanced by a sense of belonging, inclusion, and integration that follows the multicultural ideals of Iowa State University, and
- WHEREAS:** GPSS recognizes the need for continuous efforts to create and maintain a climate of inclusion, be it therefore
- RESOLVED:** That GPSS reaffirms its commitment to an inclusive, caring, and culturally enriched campus experience, and be it further
- RESOLVED:** That GPSS encourages, promotes, and advertises open meetings to foster the ideals of safety, education, and empowerment to improve the wellbeing of members of the Iowa State University Community, and be it further



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RESOLVED: That GPSS encourages senators, executives, and constituents to bring concerns, ideas for solutions, and action items to all diversity and inclusion discussions for the benefit of all students, and be it further

RESOLVED: That GPSS will work with the community and the Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion to identify a group or groups to maintain regular communication advocating for all underrepresented students and the Iowa State University Community as a whole, and be it further

RESOLVED: That GPSS encourages inclusionary workshops, discussions, and support systems put in place by university administration, and be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be sent to University President Steven Leath, Senior Vice President and Provost Jonathan Wickert, Senior Vice President for Student Affairs Thomas L. Hill, Associate Provost and Dean of the Graduate College David Holger, Dean of Students Pamela Anthony, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs Martino Harmon, President of the Faculty Senate Robert Wallace, the Iowa State Daily, the Board of Regents, Ames Tribune, and Des Moines Register.

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