



IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Graduate & Professional Student Senate

SENATE RESOLUTION F17-02 SENATE MEETING November 27, 2017

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4 TITLE: Allowing the Display of Hoods for Master's Students during Commencement

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6 WHEREAS: Graduating master's students at Iowa State University are not permitted to wear
7 hoods as part of their academic regalia during commencement, and

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9 WHEREAS: Master's students at the two other Regents Universities and other peer institutions
10 are permitted to wear hoods indicating their degree status, and

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12 WHEREAS: Hooding ceremonies are carried out by institutions of higher education to
13 recognize students who have earned an advanced degree beyond the bachelor's
14 degree. For many, hoods symbolize the culmination of graduate studies and the
15 transition from student to colleague, and

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17 WHEREAS: The symbolic importance of academic regalia plays a vital part in the
18 commencement experience for many students and their families, especially those
19 from underrepresented groups (e.g., first generation, low income, and students of
20 color), be it therefore

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22 RESOLVED: That Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) recognizes the value in
23 celebrating the academic accomplishments of all its students and supports the
24 adoption of a policy that allows recipients of master's degrees from Iowa State
25 University to wear hoods as part of their academic regalia beginning in Spring
26 2018, and

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28 RESOLVED: That this resolution be sent to President-Select Wendy Wintersteen, Senior Vice
29 President and Provost Jonathan Wickert, Associate Provost and Dean of the
30 Graduate College William Graves, the Graduate Council, President of the Faculty
31 Senate Tim Day, the Faculty Senate Academic Standards and Admissions
32 Committee, Office of the Registrar, and Student Government.

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34 Sponsors:

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