

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

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In the Iowa State University Student Government Senate
September 2nd, 2020

Senator Zastrow (for himself, Senator Weathers, and Speaker Ludwig) introduced the following bill,
which was read once and referred to the Student Initiative Committee.

A RESOLUTION

TITLE: Support of Iowa State Action to Mitigate COVID-19 Cases on Campus

WHEREAS: Iowa State University has a responsibility to care for its students, staff, faculty, and members of the community in which it exists, and

WHEREAS: A university environment is fundamentally difficult to manage cases in. Despite the best possible efforts of any administration, those who spread the virus may do so before they are even aware that they have been exposed. When one individual goes to multiple classes, interacts with roommates, and eats meals in a dining hall, it is nearly impossible to accurately and exhaustively trace their contacts, who can further spread the virus, and

WHEREAS: The University Administration alone has the power to significantly reduce contact between individuals in the city, with the fastest growth of cases nationally, and

WHEREAS: The non-educational costs alone of a COVID-19 outbreak should be enough to prompt immediate, comprehensive action from all parties and individuals who have the ability to make any change in University policy, and be it therefore,

RESOLVED: That the Student Government Senate of Iowa State, representing all students and their interests, recommends the following actions:

RESOLVED: That the University administration encourage staff to reevaluate the absolute necessity of in-person instruction on a case-by-case basis. For any classes which do not already have an online alternative prepared, University resources should prioritize courses with the highest number of students first, and be it further

RESOLVED: That the University and Department of Residence work together to minimize financial penalties, including breaking fees for housing contracts and meal plans, especially for those living in shared spaces, to students who wish to move out of university housing for reasons of personal health.

RESOLVED: That Iowa State University, in the event of a significant COVID-19 outbreak in the Ames community, shares any resources it can to help the city. This should include law enforcement, health care, testing capacity, and facilities, and be it further

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RESOLVED: That these actions are taken immediately and with maximum priority, and be it further

ORDERED: That this Resolution be sent to Executive Director of the Iowa Board of Regents Braun, Iowa State President Wintersteen, Senior Vice Presidents Wickert, Younger, and Cain, Associate Vice President, Evans, Assistant Vice Presidents Englin and Baldwin, and Deans Spalding, Robinson, Rico-Gutierrez, Easterling, Jolly, Schmittman, Grooms, and Graves, and be it further

ORDERED: That this Resolution be forwarded to the Graduate and Professional Student Senate and to the Faculty Senate, to vote on as a joint resolution.

Attest-Chair of the Senate/Date

Acting Speaker of the Senate

20-8-1

Vote Count

Passed

Result