

SENATE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STUDENT BODY

SENATE SESSION SEPTEMBER 24, 1997

SENATE BILL # 97-002R

- TITLE:** Support for Multi-culturalism and Diversity
- WHEREAS:** Allan Nosworthy, ISU Graduate student, has staged a hunger strike in order to bring resolution on various issues of diversity and multiculturalism, and
- WHEREAS:** The following issues have been in debate by concerned parties on the ISU campus:
- A large increase in funding to all cultural studies programs targeted at increasing tenured faculty and program curriculum, because throughout history there have been many scientific and technological advances made by other cultures that have directly effected the science and technology which we build on today and in our efforts to make Iowa State the best land grant university we must strengthen and nurture all of our academic disciplines.
- The creation of an Asian/Asian-American Studies Program which does not currently exist although Asian/Asian-American students constitute the second most populous minority at Iowa State.
- To re-open the naming process of Catt Hall by forming a committee, consisting of individuals, picked by the administration and The September 29th Movement who will meet privately and publicly to decide whether the name of the building should be changed.
- Increased support for Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender students, faculty, and staff through the promotion of the staff position in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Student Services (LGBTSS) to full-time director and the recruitment and retention of LGBT faculty be improved. (The health insurance provided to unmarried couples costs \$110 per month more than that provided to married couples as a direct result of ISU policy. The city of Iowa City offers health insurance to unmarried couples at the same rate as married couples. Thus, there are no state or federal laws that prevent such a policy from being implemented.
- A large increase in funding to the Carver Academy aimed at the recruitment of larger numbers of low income (as defined by the Department of Education), first generation, and minority students, as well as the employment of additional staff to assist with larger numbers of students thereby attempting to make Iowa State a leader in the efforts to expand educational inclusion. (By improving the ability of MSA (Carver is a program sponsored by MSA) to reach out to these populations, A large increase in all MSA programs whose purpose is the retention of the populations MSA serves in an effort to promote academic excellence and to support the efforts of students toward success.)
- A commitment by Iowa State University, in its efforts to become the best land grant university, to renovate Morrill Hall, a building located on central campus, into a Multi-Cultural Center which provides a unique opportunity for research, discussion, and celebration of a multiplicity of cultures, and would emphasize the connection between land grant institutions and diversity by Fall semester.
- A large increase in funding for the Kuumba Multi-Cultural School. Extension is an essential component of the mission of land grant institutions. Thus, it is important that Iowa State branch out its diversity goals into the surrounding Ames community, and
- WHEREAS:** All of the above requests are aimed at developing Iowa State University into a premiere institution, promoting respect for diversity in words and practice , and
- WHEREAS:** There is currently a student so dedicated to the improvement of diversity issues on this campus, that he is risked his life through a hunger strike for the future benefit of all, be it therefore
- RESOLVED:** The Government of Student Body supports a resolution of these issues that would be fair and beneficial to all members of the ISU community.

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