

1 SENATE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STUDENT BODY

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3 SENATE MEETING October 25, 2006

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5 SENATE RESOLUTION 2006-2-022 SR

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7 TITLE: Rejecting Discrimination in the Pending Student Organization Recognition Policy

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9 WHEREAS: Iowa State University strongly enforces a non-discrimination policy intended to
10 protect students, faculty, and staff at all levels from discrimination on the basis of
11 race, color, age, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, sex,
12 marital status, disability, or status as a U.S. veteran, and

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14 WHEREAS: The University requires that as recognized affiliates of the University, student
15 organizations adhere to the non-discrimination policy in order to receive
16 recognition, funding, and other benefits, and

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18 WHEREAS: The current edition of the Student Organization Recognition Policy (SORP)
19 includes "reasonable accommodation" for religious organizations to violate the
20 ISU non-discrimination policy when limiting membership and participation to
21 those of shared religious beliefs and organizational goals, and

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23 WHEREAS: The violations to the non-discrimination policy are limited only by the degree to
24 which the "sincerely held religious beliefs" of a student organization justify the
25 exclusion of individuals, making possible the discrimination against individuals
26 belonging to any of the protected classes, and

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28 WHEREAS: The 2005 GSB Senate endorsed the Principles of Community to promote a
29 campus free of discrimination where all students feel welcomed, accepted, and
30 respected, and

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32 WHEREAS: The rejection of this policy on the grounds of conflict with the current Iowa State
33 University non-discrimination policy and the GSB Senate endorsed Principles of
34 Community creates a cohesive stance against discrimination, be it therefore

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36 RESOLVED: That the GSB Senate implores the rejection of the pending SORP, thus opposing
37 the accommodation of any violation to the University's non-discrimination policy,
38 and be it further

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40 RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be sent to the Student Affairs Policy Coordinator,
41 the Office of the President, the Assistant Director of Student Activities, the Office
42 of University Counsel, the Office of Equal Opportunity & Diversity, the Director of
43 the Iowa State Memorial Union, the President of the Faculty Senate, the Director
44 of the Multicultural Student Affairs Office and all applicable print and news media.

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