

SSR 2019-10 A Resolution for: Equitable Weather Policies

Sponsored by: Campus Relations Committee, Senator Gipple

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Vote: 17-0-0

Speaker Action: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jacob Levang - Speaker Date

**WHEREAS:** The educational performance of a student should not depend on their ability to reach campus safely; and

**RECOGNIZING:** The 4.07 Weather/Working Conditions policy fails to recognize the diverse needs of our students; and

**RECOGNIZING:** This policy disproportionately affect students of lower socioeconomic status, commuter students, and students with families; and

**RECOGNIZING:** Under the 4.07 Weather/Working Conditions policy, students have endured great financial and physical repercussions in attempt to reach class; and

**FURTHER RECOGNIZING:** The academic performance of students is not solely reflected in their ability to attend class; and

**FURTHER RECOGNIZING:** Students should not be penalized academically due to their inability to reach campus safely; and

**UNDERSTANDING:** Academics should be of top priority to our students but not at risk of their wellbeing; and

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:** University faculty and administration should take into consideration the impact the 4.07 Weather/Working Conditions policy has on our students and their academic success; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** The Northern Iowa Student Government supports the implementation of a severe weather day policy wherein absences by students must be

documented as excused if courses are still in session and their commute to campus may result in physical or financial burden.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED:** copies of this resolution be sent to Faculty Senate, Dean of Students Allyson Rafanello, Office of College of Humanities, Arts, and Sciences, Office of College of Education, Office of Business and Administration, Office of College of Social Behavioral Sciences, Office of Student Accessibility Services, President Mark Nook, Provost Jim Wohlpart.