

## Resolution in Support of Saving Our Labor Center

*Whereas* the University of Iowa has declared that in “pursuing its missions of teaching, research, and service,” it “seeks to advance scholarly and creative endeavor through leading-edge research and artistic production; to use this research and creativity to enhance undergraduate, graduate, and professional education, health care, and other services provided to the people of Iowa, the nation, and the world; and to educate students for success and personal fulfillment in a diverse world”; and

*Whereas* **the University of Iowa Labor Center has a reputation for excellence in cutting-edge teaching and research** on legal rights, policies, and contemporary trends relating to Iowa workers and employment standards– and is the *only* unit in the state Regents system that specializes in this area of teaching and research; and

*Whereas* **the Labor Center provides a vital service to the people of Iowa, the nation, and the world** by educating over 2,000 adult learners each year in classes held on campus and in communities across the state on topics such as workplace safety, confronting sexual harassment and racial discrimination on the job, the rights of workers with disabilities and medical conditions, leadership skills, labor and immigration, and human rights; and

*Whereas* **the Labor Center advances scholarly endeavor** by conducting original research including nationally recognized projects like the Iowa Labor History Oral Project and the Child Labor Public Education Project, coordinating interdisciplinary faculty and student research, securing competitive research funding from federal agencies such as the DOL, DOJ, Library of Congress, and NEH, and hosting campus conferences and events featuring nationally recognized scholars, filmmakers, and leaders,

*Whereas* **the Labor Center enhances undergraduate, graduate, and professional education** by teaching undergraduate general education courses and first-year seminars, providing guest lectures in numerous graduate and undergraduate courses, supervising the work of graduate research assistants, and providing students with service learning, applied research, practicum, and internship opportunities with diverse community-based partners; and

*Whereas* **the Labor Center has been highly successful in fulfilling every aspect of the University of Iowa’s mission for over 60 years**, on a shoestring budget that currently represents a miniscule 0.0001 of the overall University budget, while bringing additional revenues to the University through program fees and competitive federal grants; and

*Whereas* **closing the Labor Center will cause irreparable harm to people across our state, and weaken the research and teaching capacity of the University**, while saving no money and having no impact on undergraduate tuition, since its existing university funds will be reallocated to the College of Law;

*Therefore, be it resolved* that **our student organization calls on the University of Iowa to reverse its decision to close the Labor Center and recommit funds to preserving this resource for generations of workers and students to come.**

### ***Student organizations that have officially supported the resolution to date:***

Best Buddies (9/14)

Computer Comfort (9/17/18)

HawkTrade Investment Club (9/19)

Reaching Out in Business (9/19)

Iowa Improv Club (9/20)

Financial Management Association (9/20)

University Democrats (9/10)

Student Advocates for Planned Parenthood (9/24)

University of Iowa Special Olympics (9/25)

UI Students for Human Rights (9/11)

The UI Environmental Coalition (9/27)

Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity (10/8)

Arab Students Association (10/5)

Roosevelt Institute (10/11)

Hack Iowa (10/11)

Iowa Andhi (10/16)

Librarians for Social Justice (10/16)

Young DSA at Iowa (10/17)

UI LULAC Collegiate Council #373 (10/17)

