

2020-2021 Term  
3<sup>rd</sup> Session

2020-3-092 SR

In the Iowa State University Government of the Student Body Senate  
March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Senator Advait (for themselves and Speaker Ludwig) introduced the following Student Resolution, to be read once and then referred to the Student Initiatives Committee.

## A RESOLUTION

### AUTHORITY STATEMENT:

Senate has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: **Article II, Section 2** of the Student Government Constitution, which states that “The Senate shall have the power to represent student opinion in the form of a Senate Resolution.”

TITLE: **Clarifying The Senate’s Position on The President and The Vice-President’s Recent Statement**

WHEREAS: The Student Government President and Vice-President issued a statement regarding a Women’s Week panelist, and

WHEREAS: The Senate respects and encourages the rights of the President and The Vice-President to express their opinions as a free exercise of their **fully protected** constitutional First Amendment Freedoms, and

WHEREAS: The President and The Vice-President claimed to issue a statement on behalf of all of “Student Government”, and

WHEREAS: The President and The Vice-President could have chosen to respect their colleagues by making it clear that they were issuing a statement for themselves, and themselves only, and all of Student Government is now associated with The President and The Vice-President’s comments, whether individual members agree with them or not, and has to deal with the repercussions;

WHEREAS: Student Government is a diverse, representative organization with voices from across campus, and all student voices **need to be respected and represented no matter what**, be it therefore

RESOLVED: That The Senate reiterates that The President and The Vice-President do not have the ability to speak on its behalf, and be it

RESOLVED: That Senate makes clear the personal opinions of the President and The Vice-President may not necessarily reflect that of the Senate as a whole; be it further

RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be posted to the Student Government website, all social media accounts under Student Government control, and made publicly visible by offices under Student Government control for a period not less than two (2) calendar weeks from the passing of this resolution.