



IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Graduate & Professional Student Senate

SENATE BILL S16-02 SENATE MEETING JANUARY 25, 2016

- TITLE:** Special Allocation for the 2016 R.F. Baker Plant Breeding Symposium organized by Graduate Students in Plant Breeding and Genetics
- WHEREAS:** Graduate students in Plant Breeding and Genetics from the department of Agronomy and the Interdepartmental Genetics Program have organized the seminar series called: R.F. Baker Plant Breeding Symposium for the past two years.
- WHEREAS:** This symposium is completely organized and run by Iowa State Plant Breeding and Genetics graduate students, that have been able to find financial support from DuPont Pioneer, the R. F. Baker Center for Plant Breeding, and the Department of Agronomy.
- WHEREAS:** In the past, this symposium had around 200 attendees (150 in person, and 50 through webinar), with over 30 poster presentations from graduate students in several departments of ISU and even attendees from graduate students of other universities.
- WHEREAS:** The symposium is an event open to the public that promotes a creative environment for learning from other professionals in the field, creates networking opportunities, and showcases graduate students research.
- WHEREAS:** The amount of financial support received from DuPont Pioneer, the R. F. Baker Center for Plant Breeding, and the Department of Agronomy is a fixed amount, and the Plant Breeding and Genetics graduate students are responsible for obtaining additional funding.
- WHEREAS:** The graduate students of Plant Breeding and Genetics cannot apply to Graduate and Professional Student Senate regular allocations, due to the scale of the event and funding from several sources and because this group is not an official club or student organization, be it therefore,
- ENACTED:** That the Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) allocates the amount



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of \$625 to the graduate students of Plant Breeding and Genetics to cover the cost of lodging for the three invited speakers to the symposium.

Proposed Budget: See attachment

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