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3 A Resolution for: The Opening of the Great Reading Room

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5 Sponsored by: Senators Woollums, McGraw, and Cooling

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7 First Reading: January 18th, 2012

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9 Vote: Tabled

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11 Presidential Action: _____

12 Ryan Alfred- Speaker of the Senate

Date:

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14 WHEREAS: The University of Northern Iowa is an institution dedicated to study; and

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16 WHEREAS: The Northern Iowa Student Government seeks to support students in all their
17 endeavors; and

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19 RECOGNIZING: The Seerley Hall Great Reading Room is an ideal place for student and faculty
20 study; and discovery and

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22 RECOGNIZING: The Great Reading Room is often locked and closed to regular student access;
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25 RECOGNIZING: Seerley Hall lacks adequate, dedicated study spaces for students and;

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27 RECOGNIZING: The Great Reading Room has served UNI students for decades as a space for
28 study, reading, and learning; and

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30 RECOGNIZING: The Great Reading Room houses important art and artifacts central to the
31 university's history; and

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33 RECOGNIZING: Students of history, the student body as a whole, and faculty would benefit from
34 an additional area for exploration, discovery, study, and reading; and

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36 RECOGNIZING: The Great Reading Room is often not in use and sits empty

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38 BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: The Northern Iowa Student Government recommends that
39 the Seerley Hall Great Reading Room be opened for student and faculty staff when not reserved for
40 other engagements during normal, university-approved business hours; with appropriate restrictions
41 on food and beverage so as to maintain the room

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43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be sent to Associate Director of
44 Facilities Operations Douglas Jensen, Head of the Department of History and Professor of History
45 Robert Martin, Provost Gloria Gibson, Interim Dean of Students Lyn Redington, and President
46 Benjamin Allen.