

# Systems Development Club

PROPOSED DURING A GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE MEMBERS ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2018

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## A Motion

To set a long-term goal for the Club to bring Richard Stallman on to campus as a special event for public lecture in Spring 2019.

COME NOW Members, assembled at Iowa State University on September 11, 2018

### Section 1: Short Title

This motion may be referred to as the "Stallman Lecture". The event is referred to as the "Event" in this document.

### Section 2: Rationale

Richard Stallman ("Stallman") is a software developer and software freedom activist. He is the founder of the Free Software Foundation ("FSF"). The FSF is an internationally recognized charity that strives to support the spread of "free software", that is, software that allows its user to "have the freedom to run, copy, distribute, study, change and improve the software"<sup>1</sup>.

This is directly tied to the Club's stated purpose of "[...]inspection, development, and understanding of computer software in low and high level programming."<sup>2</sup> The Club is authorized in its Constitution to "host larger meetings and meet-ups open to the general public. These meetings must include at least one demonstration or presentation of either the large group project or notable technology relevant to the Club.

### Section 3: Delegating Responsibility

- (a) The Treasurer of the Club shall assemble a method of tracking finances for this event, including income and expenses; and
- (b) When funds are raised, purchase all necessary materials using the Club's 'P-Card'.
- (c) The President or Vice President of the Club shall contact Stallman's representative(s) to arrange an amicable time and date for the lecture to occur; and
- (d) Contact the Office of Risk Management prior to the Event to understand any potential liabilities; and
- (e) Delegate any further tasks to the Office of the Chief Engineer, the Office of the Treasurer, or to a volunteering member as necessary.

### Section 4: Estimated Cost

Choosing to host a speaker is no small feat. Besides the speaking fee, several other costs may be incurred as a result of hosting this event. A sample cost breakdown is tabulated below

Expense	Cost (in USD)
Airfare	\$300.00
Lodging	\$100.00

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<sup>1</sup> "Gnu.org." [A GNU Head], Free Software Foundation, [www.gnu.org/philosophy/free-sw.html](http://www.gnu.org/philosophy/free-sw.html).

<sup>2</sup> Hemmerich, Jacob. "Systems Development Club Constitution ." Iowa State University, 2018. <https://www.stuorg.iastate.edu/uploads/constitutions/2795/SDCCConstitution.pdf>

<b>Expense</b>	<b>Cost (in USD)</b>
<b>Food</b>	\$60.00
<b>Transportation</b>	\$30.00

Section 4 (cont'd):

This cost breakdown is based upon a rider Stallman released in 2012<sup>3</sup>. Costs may have changed since then and thus the true cost of this Event remains to be seen. Stallman's speaking fee has not been made apparent and may be beyond the fundraising abilities of the Club. If that is the case, Club membership will again vote to continue fundraising until such time that Stallman can be brought to campus.

Section 5: Timeline

This Event should be held during Fall semester 2019. If for any reason it is not possible to hold the Event in Fall 2019, Club membership will again vote to either continue fundraising or to use the funds raised for a different purpose to be presented at that time.

Section 6: Collaborative Efforts

This Event may be relevant to other clubs on campus. The Executive Committee is authorized to contact any organizations necessary to successfully host this Event.

Section 7: Accountability

Failure on behalf of the Executive Committee to provide transparency during all stages of the planning process may be considered grounds for impeachment. Use of funds designated for this Event on anything other than this Event without prior authorization may be grounds for disciplinary action from the University.

This motion, upon being duly made, seconded, and succeeding a majority voice vote, shall be executed by the Executive Committee on behalf of the Club membership.

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<sup>3</sup> Stallman, Richard M. "Richard Stallman's Rider." GitHub, 2012, [github.com/ddol/rre-rms/blob/master/rider.txt](https://github.com/ddol/rre-rms/blob/master/rider.txt).