

## **A RESOLUTION OF THE BLOOMINGTON FACULTY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF GRADUATE STUDENTS**

Whereas, Student Academic Appointees (SAAs) play an essential role in the educational and research mission of IU Bloomington;

Whereas, SAAs are both students and workers;

Whereas, as workers, SAAs have the right to organize, associate collectively, and, when necessary, to strike;

Whereas, as students, SAAs have rights of academic freedom and shared governance that are best protected when they are organized;

Whereas, the Indiana Graduate Workers Coalition (IGWC) has been organizing and campaigning responsibly and effectively on behalf of SAAs and has gained significant support from IUB graduate students, at least 1,600 of whom have signed union cards;

Whereas, an SAA strike will have negative impact on IUB's mission, particularly its educational mission;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Bloomington Faculty Council calls on Provost Shrivastav to dialog with the IGWC immediately to avoid a strike, and not retaliate against any SAAs who engage in a work stoppage; urges Provost Shrivastav, President Whitten, and the Board of Trustees to reconsider their decision to refuse SAAs request to form a union: and urges all faculty and campus administrators not to penalize any of their graduate students who choose to exercise their right to strike.

