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Advocating for an inclusive and empowered graduate student community

Dear IUB Graduate and Professional Community,

The IU Bloomington Graduate and Professional Student Government stands with the members of our community and nation that have been affected by the recent events. We acknowledge the injustices of events in Minneapolis and across the nation and the countless injustices that occur in this country every day for people of color. Moreover, we recognize the recent injustices of police officer killings have specifically and disproportionately impacted Black individuals and panic surrounding COVID-19 has led to discrimination against Asian populations. We, as the Graduate and Professional Student Government, remain committed to equity, inclusion, and empowerment throughout our graduate and professional community. The IUB GPSG General Assembly has often and will continue to reaffirm our commitment to a university that celebrates diversity and creates an inclusive environment regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation, race, religion, ethnicity, or nationality. The below resolutions indicate our previous efforts to help protect all students in the GPSG community and the Assembly will work in the coming year to continue to uphold and build on these standards.

[Resolution to Protect Community Members](#)

[Resolution Reaffirming GPSG's Commitment to Equality](#)

[Resolution to Affirm Indiana University Values in Pursuit of a More Inclusive Student Body](#)

We also express support and profound admiration for the black graduate and professional students at IU. Graduate school is difficult and stressful enough by itself, and it is made that much more difficult for graduate students of color, simply because of the color of their skin. IUB GPSG commits to using its voice to do all in its power to work for and fight for the reality of just and equitable academia and society.

We call on our university officials to provide meaningful support to graduate students of color at IUB during this time of racial turmoil. GPSG recognizes that deep-seeded issues will not be solved with one statement. What matters is action. In the coming year, we hope to work with the new General Assembly and campus officials to increase diversity training and racial awareness, rename Jordan associated campus landmarks, and increase funding for scholarships and organizations supporting minority students. We strongly encourage students to reach out and support the [Black Graduate Student Association](#) in their continued efforts to fight for racial justice both on campus and in the greater Bloomington community. We continue to support and encourage others to support the missions of the [Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center](#), [La Casa](#), [Hillel](#), the [Asian Culture Center](#), and the [LGBTQ+ Culture Center](#) as they strive to create and facilitate activities and programs that challenge, support, and contribute to the continued development and success of our diverse student body.

If you find yourself needing support do not hesitate to connect with [CAPS](#) or with the GPSG leadership. Our team welcomes your thoughts, and we encourage you to get involved during this coming academic year. The IUB GPSG Diversity Committee, Diversity Council, and Health & Wellness Committee will meet when we return this fall, and we hope students will join these bodies to support diversity initiatives and fight for equality on the IU campus.

For more information about getting involved, please reach out to [IUB GPSG](#). Lastly, if you experience or witness an incident of bias in connection with IU please file a [bias incident report](#), so the University can effect change to make Indiana University a place where all people are treated with civility and respect.

Sincerely,
The 2020-2021 GPSG Executive Committee