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In response to the IDS article addressing associate Professor Murray McGibbon, the IUB Graduate and Professional Student Government Executive Committee is calling on Indiana University Bloomington to take swift action to ensure that this faculty member is immediately removed from his teaching capacity. Furthermore, we urge the University to consider additional mechanisms to ensure that the students he teaches and/or interacts with in the Department of Theatre, Drama, and Contemporary Dance can feel safe and free from his “concerning pattern” of sexual harassment, which included “evidence of quid pro quo sexual harassment.” The University has already recognized that McGibbon’s actions have made “students uncomfortable and uneasy” and many have reported that they are fearful to raise further concerns due to his position within the Department. This is completely unacceptable, and the students in the Department are right to demand a more proper punishment and greater protection from a known harasser. McGibbon’s continued presence in the Department poses an immediate threat to the safety and security to the students he may interact with, and his actions continue to place him at odds with the mission and vision of Indiana University. We hope that the University will take all appropriate measures to further minimize McGibbon’s role on students this semester, and the Executive Committee will work with the General Assembly and the Representative from this Department to recommend further steps that the University should take to provide a safer academic experience for all students.