Resolution to Explicate IUPD Non-Compliance with ICE

Whereas, the Indiana University Principles of Ethical Conduct explicitly prioritize avoiding “all forms of harassment, discrimination, threats, or violence” and acting “according to the highest ethical and professional standards of conduct” above legal compliance [IU Principles of Ethical Conduct, 12/05/2013];

Whereas, the Office of the Provost & Executive Vice President of Indiana University is committed to the vision of One IU, whereby “we believe in every person’s intrinsic dignity and worth” [A Message from Provost Lauren Robel to the IU Bloomington community, 10/2017];

Whereas, the Indiana University Bloomington Faculty has committed itself “to defending all members of our community from hate, aggression, and intimidation” and to Indiana University Bloomington “as a place of safety, diversity, tolerance, and respect” [Bloomington Faculty Council Resolution on Campus Climate, Civility, and Inclusion, 1/17/2017];

Whereas, “IUPD [Indiana University Police Department] does not inquire about or record immigration status in the normal performance of their duties unless action is required by law or international treaty agreements” (emphasis added) [Office of the Provost IU Response to Recent Executive Orders and DACA Concerns, 1/2017]

Therefore, be it resolved by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly that –

(1) The university should also state its noncompliance with the efforts of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to seek out or detain community members, including the promise that IUPD will not serve as a channel for ICE efforts and will not assist in any ICE endeavors regardless of the legal implications for the university, including but not limited to intervening on acts of civil disobedience by those volunteering to protect community members from ICE officials; and

(2) If it refuses to do so, the University should openly state what actions they will take should they be required by law to undertake ICE endeavors so that vulnerable students may be made aware of potential consequences for their existence and take personal safety precautions as necessary.
Respectfully submitted to and passed by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly on this 3rd day of March, 2017.

3/11/2017
Date

GPSG President