



Indiana University - Bloomington

Graduate & Professional Student Government

Resolution for Effective Use of Wellness Days

Whereas, prior to the pandemic, graduate students report higher rates of stress, compared to undergraduate students, affecting the adequacy of their academic work;¹

Whereas, as a result of the pandemic, the majority of graduate students report high rates of stress affecting their ability to complete their academic responsibilities;²

Whereas, GSPG recognizes and appreciates the university's implementation of wellness days into the Spring 2021 semester;

Whereas, graduate student constituents have reported unsatisfactory and inconsistent planned use of these wellness days by their respective programs;

Whereas, graduate students have expressed confusion regarding how their programs and teaching responsibilities will honor the wellness days;

Whereas, the Provost instructed deans across IU campuses to eliminate classwork, class attendance, and any other academic responsibilities on three specified days throughout the semester.

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Therefore, be it resolved by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly that the GPSG advocates for full implementation of wellness days across all graduate and professional programs.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly that the GPSG advocates for finding creative solutions to comply with accreditation requirements, while still upholding the purpose of these necessary wellness days.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly that the GPSG urges the Provost to require programs to implement these wellness days and meet non-compliance with consequences.

¹ https://mountainscholar.org/bitstream/handle/10217/211436/JOUF_JOSA_v29_2019-2020.pdf?sequence=1#page=102

² According to poll of GPSG constituents

Therefore, be it resolved by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly that the GPSG requires consistent and transparent communication from the university and among programs to inform students of how their individual programs will be implementing the wellness days.

Respectfully submitted to and passed by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly on February 5, 2021.

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