

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ORGANIZATION (GPSO)
RESOLUTION ON INDIANA UNIVERSITY SAFE PROTEST ZONES

WHEREAS, Indiana University students participate in and assemble non-violent protests that demonstrate their free speech in a peaceful manner without causing harm or danger to others; and

WHEREAS, this assembled body believes it is the responsibility of Indiana University to provide a safe environment where students will be protected and defended by university administrators and police; and

WHEREAS, students engaging in peaceful, non-violent civil disobedience should be treated with respect and not subjected to violence or abuse, **and all parties remain subject to all local, state, and federal laws.**

BE IT RESOLVED, the Assembly calls on the University Faculty Council to declare all IU campuses safe protest zones to ensure the safety of students, as well as **by** making a commitment to support the university's policies of free speech and non-violent protests.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Assembly calls on IU Bloomington administration, Bloomington Faculty Council, and University Faculty Council to make a concentrated effort to re-examine standing university policy that states Dunn Meadow and the Sample Gates as the only designated areas for protest activity.

To further these goals, we propose that Policy I-18 be changed to reflect the following:

Add §2(A)(1)–Any area on the Bloomington campus may, with advanced approval from the Provost, become a temporary “free speech” zone subject to the guidelines in subsections B-D.

The Graduate and Professional Student Organization calls on the Chancellors, Provosts, and President McRobbie to commit to making our campuses safe locations for peaceful public assembly as an expression of our core commitment to exploring civil debate and civic engagement.