



**Indiana University - Bloomington**  
**Graduate & Professional Student Government**

**RESOLUTION OF NO CONFIDENCE IN THE LEADERSHIP OF PROVOST RAHUL SHRIVASTAV**

Whereas, the majority of SAAs at Indiana University have signed union cards requesting membership in the Indiana Graduate Workers Coalition-United Electrical Workers (IGWC-UE) demonstrating their interest in bargaining collectively with the Indiana University over their wages, benefits, and other conditions of work;

Whereas, graduate student workers at Indiana University currently have no effective institutional mechanism to articulate their concerns over wages, benefits, and working conditions with the Indiana University Administration;

Whereas, the GPSG, IUSG, and BFC have passed resolutions in support of the rights of graduate workers;

Whereas, the GPSG and the IUSG leadership have offered to facilitate dialogue between the IGWC-UE and the university administration;

Whereas, the Office of the Provost met with the GPSG leadership and did not offer a viable solution to the current work stoppage;

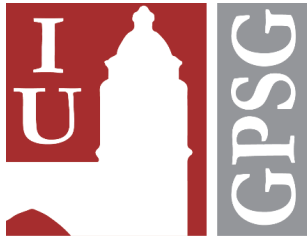
Whereas, the Office of the Provost used the meeting as a pretense to claim that he is engaging meaningfully with SAAs while refusing to provide a solution to the crisis of the current work stoppage on campus;

Whereas, the university administration have actively encouraged undergraduates to submit complaints regarding whether their graduate instructors are engaging in a collective labor action;

Whereas, the university administration have requested that faculty members confront striking graduate workers and coerce graduate workers into completing the SAA duties that they have pledged to withhold as part of a collective labor action,

Whereas, the university administration has threatened to dismiss a small group of SAAs as a way to discourage others from engaging in a collective action;

Whereas, the Provost has threatened to dismiss more than 1000 SAAs as a retaliation for their engagement in a collective labor action;



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Whereas, the Provost has offered faculty extra funds to cover the duties of SAAs during the ongoing work stoppage;

Whereas, the Provost has corroded mentor-mentee relationships across campus and produced a tense campus climate;

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

- (1) The GPSG expresses a Vote of No Confidence in the leadership of Provost Rahul Shrivastav.
- (2) The GPSG withdraws all its GPSG representatives from all committees of shared governance at Indiana University until the IU Administration engages in a meaningful dialogue with the Indiana Graduate Workers Coalition.
- (3) We encourage graduate students whom the administration has appointed without consultation of GPSG—the elected representative body of graduate students on campus—to withdraw from their participation in all shared governance committees until the IU Administration engages in a meaningful dialogue with the Indiana Graduate Workers Coalition.

Respectfully submitted to and passed by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

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GPSG President

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