IGWC-UE Statement on AAUP Resolution & IU Bloomington Fall Contingency Plans

Graduate workers at Indiana University in Bloomington are proud to have the faculty’s continued support in the fight for more equitable working and learning conditions at IU Bloomington.

We are heartened by last week’s AAUP resolution, which opposed the IU Administration’s attempts to force faculty to create contingency plans and undermine faculty’s shared governance and academic freedom.

Mandates for contingency planning ask the impossible. Graduate employee labor is necessary for the operational stability of the university. Attempts at department-level solutions only aggravate the current conditions and further strain faculty members already burdened by the ever-increasing demands of the university.

We call on the IU Bloomington Faculty to underscore their commitment to shared governance and graduate workers, which they formally established in the full-faculty vote this May.

Faculty can take two actions right now:

1. Refuse to create and enforce contingency plans or carry out other tactics designed to weaken the graduate workers’ ability to engage in a legal work stoppage.

2. Decline to participate in current and future formal and informal meetings called by the IU Administration on issues relating to Student Academic Appointments. Instead, please refer the IU Administration to the democratically expressed will of the faculty on these matters.

The solution remains simple: IU upper administration can and must recognize our union.

In solidarity,
The IGWC-UE