# **IU/IUB Policy**

# **IGWC/UE Policy or Statements**

#### *Grievance Procedures*

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More detailed procedures can be found pp. 8-10 of the Graduate SAA Guide:

https://vpfaa.indiana.edu/doc/graduate-studentacademic-appointees-guide.pdf

SAA Board of Review (BL-ACA-D24)

https://vpfaa.indiana.edu/policies/bl-aca-d24-saa-board-of-review/index.html

SAA Mediation Committee (BL-ACA-D23)

https://vpfaa.indiana.edu/policies/bl-aca-d23-saa-mediation/index.html

Recommendations to Departments on SAA Grievances (BL-ACA-D28)

https://vpfaa.indiana.edu/policies/bl-aca-d28-saa-grievances-recommendations/index.html

Student Academic Appointee Mediation Procedures (BL-ACA-D29)

https://vpfaa.indiana.edu/policies/bl-aca-d29-saa-mediation-procedures/index.html

Policies written/approved by faculty.

"We will negotiate for a grievance procedure that ends in **third-party binding arbitration** to settle disputes that cannot be settled at the department or at the college level. The Union will insist on an outside neutral arbitrator (not paid by IU). This changes the power dynamics in the department. Because disputes could be settled by an outside arbitrator, graduate workers will have more power inside the department to bring up problems and get them resolved without even filing a grievance."

https://www.indianagradworkers.org/grievance-procedure

Proposed policy to be authored by the union.

# Authorship grievances

"...The publication and dissemination of research and other scholarly and creative activity is a fundamental academic responsibility...The order in which authors are listed should be jointly decided by all co-authors..." The Policy outlines Dispute Resolution steps and appeals. (Guidelines on Authorship, BL-ACA-I16)

"Require each department to meet with a graduate worker committee from each department to create standards for authorship enforceable by the union grievance procedure."

https://www.indianagradworkers.org/grievance-procedure

https://vpfaa.indiana.edu/policies/bl-aca-i16-authorship/index.html

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# Intellectual property ownership

The IU Intellectual Property Policy defines the guidelines for crediting any creator with intellectual property. (IU Intellectual Property Policy, UA-05)

"Similar to the question of authorship, the Union will propose a process for establishing guidelines for crediting graduate workers for intellectual property."

https://policies.iu.edu/policies/ua-05-intellectual-property/index.html

https://www.indianagradworkers.org/grievance-procedure

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# Workload grievances

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"Graduate workers need a mechanism for contesting situations when time on the job, especially for work not directly related to academic progress, is more than the workload standards of the employment contract."

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Policies written/approved by faculty.

#### Lab assianments

"Academic freedom, accompanied by responsibility, attaches to all aspects of a researcher's professional conduct. The researcher shall have full freedom of investigation..." (IU Policy on Academic Freedom, ACA-32)

Policy written by faculty/approved by faculty and approved by IU Board of Trustees.

"The benefits and the burdens of running a lab should be distributed equally or fairly among graduate workers."

https://www.indianagradworkers.org/grievanceprocedure

Proposed policy to be authored by the union.

## Living Wage

The IGWC "living wage" cited is for an individual employed full-time.

The IU FY23 minimum stipend rate of \$18,000 for a 10-month, .50FTE position is significantly more than the equivalent rate in the MIT Living Wage calculator of \$9,860 for a 10-month, .50FTE position for Bloomington, Indiana.

The MIT Living Wage calculator calculates the amount needed for a "minimum subsistence wage" in various states and metro areas; this wage does not include any funds for restaurant meals, entertainment, travel, savings, etc. For Bloomington, a living wage for a single adult with no children is \$23,665; for an adult with one child, a living wage is \$47,470.

https://www.indianagradworkers.org/living-wage

**Annual Raises** 

IU's annual salary pool only includes only fulltime faculty and staff for annual salary increases.

IGWC requests a commitment to annual wage increases.

https://www.indianagradworkers.org/living-wage

#### End the Fees

"Some of the highest fees..." All enrolled students pay mandatory fees. There are no fees for holding an SAA position at Indiana University.

"...No say in how these fees are increased and what they go to." Inaccurate. The GPSG president is co-chair of the Committee for Fee Review and appoints other graduate students (presumably

https://studentaffairs.indiana.edu/getinvolved/cfr/index.html

some SAAs) to the fee review committee.

"Indiana University has some of the highest fees in the Big Ten and graduate workers have no say in how these fees are increased and what they go to."

https://www.indianagradworkers.org/end-thefees

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	"The policy of our union represents a
	fundamental agreement between UE local unions
	to work and stand together on a variety of
	issues."
	https://www.ueunion.org/ue-policy
Boycott, Divest, Sanctions (BDS) stance towards Israel	

Per Indiana Senate Resolution 74, the State of Indiana opposes anti-Jewish and anti-Israel Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions campaign (BDS).

Hamilton Lugar School's Olamot Center facilitates a cultural exchange program that regularly brings Israeli visiting scholars to IU, and sends IU scholars to Israel. It is the only center of its kind in the United States.

### https://olamot.indiana.edu/

Since 2013, IU administrative practice has required review and withdrawal of organizational memberships related to BDS.

"(UE) [e]ndorses the BDS movement and urges the union at all levels to become engaged in BDS ...."

https://www.ueunion.org/ue-policy/for-peacejobs-and-a-pro-worker-foreign-policy

"At its national convention in Baltimore August 16-20, the United Electrical Workers union (UE) adopted a resolution endorsing the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement (BDS) to pressure Israel to end the occupation and grant Palestinians their freedom. UE is now the first national U.S. union to endorse BDS."

https://www.ueunion.org/politicalaction/2015/BDS

# Defense research funding "Academic freedom, accompanied by UE's international policy generally calls for a dramatic reduction in Department of Defense responsibility, attaches to all aspects of a funding that doesn't go directly to servicemen researcher's professional conduct. The researcher and women, especially funding that goes towards shall have full freedom of investigation, subject to contractors conducting defense-related research. adequate fulfillment of other academic duties. No limitation shall be placed upon the subject matter https://www.ueunion.org/ue-policy/for-peaceof the research, its publication and dissemination, jobs-and-a-pro-worker-foreign-policy or the expression of it outside the university." (IU Policy on Academic Freedom, ACA-32) Policy written by faculty/approved by faculty and approved by IU Board of Trustees. Work Stoppage "A teacher...will meet classes regularly....will give "Calls for the continued use of the strike as the adequate notice of interruption or termination of primary weapon against the employer, service. In order that instructional programs will characterized by careful planning and timing, full not be interrupted, before leaving, the academic membership involvement, and mobilization of person will: complete all normal duties; provide community and political support..." complete records of grades and similar data to departmental chairpersons; and provide properly https://www.ueunion.org/ue-policy/aggressivefor incomplete class and thesis work." (IU Code of struggle Academic Ethics, ACA-33) https://policies.iu.edu/policies/aca-33-codeacademic-ethics/index.html

Policy written/approved by faculty, approved by IU Board of Trustees.

"Faculty Members teaching courses have the responsibility to provide instruction as scheduled." (IU Policy on Faculty Instructional Responsibilities, BL-ACA-H28)

https://vpfaa.indiana.edu/policies/bl-aca-h28-instructional-responsibilities/index.html

Policy written/approved by faculty.

"At the end of a term, the instructor shall submit one of the grades authorized in Section C for all students enrolled in the course in a form and under procedures established by the campus registrar. Grades must be submitted within four days after the end of the term." (IU Policy on Grades and Grading, ACA-66)

https://policies.iu.edu/policies/aca-66-grades-and-grading/index.html

Policy written/approved by faculty.