



**Graduate and Professional Student Organization (GPSO)
Resolution Regarding Identification Cards and the Extension of Services to
Spouses/Dependents**

WHEREAS, the university aims to lead the nation in family friendly policies (IU Strategic Plan);

WHEREAS, many graduate students have spouses/dependents not affiliated with the university;

WHEREAS, financial concerns were indicated as a primary concern of graduate and professional students on the Bloomington campus (GPSO Diversity Survey 2014);

WHEREAS, the costs associated with families can put additional budgetary pressure on graduate students;

WHEREAS, university human resources has mechanisms in place for determining spouse/dependent status;

Whereas, the university provides many services to current students that would also be beneficial to spouses/dependents;

WHEREAS, spouses/dependents of individuals affiliated with the university already have limited access to library services, the IU Health Center, IU Campus Recreational Sports, and IU ticket office;

WHEREAS, each campus program currently has temporary identification cards for each individual who purchases access (when applicable);

WHEREAS, a university spouse/dependent identification card would consolidate and streamline access to available services;

WHEREAS, Big Ten schools such as Ohio State, Michigan State, and Iowa all currently have programs in place to give identification cards to spouses and dependents; and


WHEREAS, the inclusive environment created by spouse/dependent identification cards could aid in the recruitment of top talent to university degree programs;



THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Graduate and Professional Student Organization Assembly that the university –

- (1) Create spouse/dependent identification cards available to all spouses/dependents of individuals affiliated with the university using current mechanisms for proving spouse/dependent status;
- (2) Allow spouses/dependents who have obtained the spouse/dependent identification card to purchase access to university services by paying associated fees; and
- (3) Continue to generally extend benefits and services to spouses/dependents in an effort to realize the university's mission of being a "family friendly" institution.

Respectfully submitted to and passed by the Graduate and Professional Student Organization Assembly on this 6th day of March, 2015.



GPSO President

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Date