

Indiana University - Bloomington

Graduate & Professional Student Government

Resolution for the Elimination of Unremittable Fees

Whereas, unremittable fees are calculated as a certain percentage of tuition (approximately 5-10%) and are assessed by some colleges and schools at Indiana University Bloomington to graduate and professional students;

Whereas, as tuition at Indiana University Bloomington increases every year, so does the amount assessed for the unremittable fees;

Whereas, unremittable fees impede the ability for programs to hire top applicants for research and teaching positions;

Whereas, it is not communicated to graduate and professional students what the income from these fees to colleges and schools is used for;

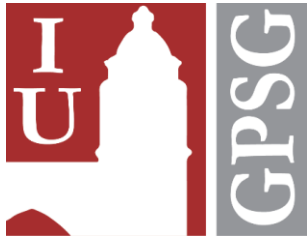
Whereas, unremittable fees are an unnecessary burden for graduate and professional students who are already in precarious financial situations;

Whereas, the College of Arts and Sciences eliminated unremittable fees for its graduate programs starting Fall 2020. Other programs, including those in the Jacobs School of Music and University Graduate School assistantships, still charge unremittable fees to students;

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

- (1) Schools and colleges across Indiana University Bloomington eliminate unremittable fees charged to graduate and professional students by Fall of 2025;
- (2) Schools and colleges should provide immediate transparency for what unremittable fee revenue is used for;
- (3) Schools and colleges unable to eliminate unremittable fees should consider fee reductions (e.g. a decrease in %) or implement a uniform increase in stipends that effectively offsets unremittable fees – that will not be offset by raising any other campus fees; and
- (4) The University Graduate School obtain an immediate timetable of phaseout of unremittable fees from all schools that still charge them.



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Respectfully submitted to and passed by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly on February 5, 2021

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