

**Resolution to Support the Academic Mission of Indiana University
Against Legislative Encroachment upon the Faculty of Indiana University**

Indianapolis Faculty Council
Passed: March 5, 2013

Whereas at the Indiana University Board of Trustees meeting on February 15, 2013, University Faculty Council Co-Secretary and Bloomington Faculty Council President Carolyn Calloway-Thomas, University Faculty Council Co-Secretary and IUPUI Faculty Council President L. Jack Windsor, members of the Indiana University Board of Trustees, and University President Michael A. McRobbie collectively expressed concerns about recent legislative activity that encroaches upon the faculty of Indiana University's authority over curricular matters,

Whereas we thank the legislature for the opportunity to respond to their concerns,

Whereas such activity by the legislature, including initiatives from the state to create credit hour prescriptions, common syllabi across all campuses, and other recent activities violate Article 2.2 of the IU Faculty Constitution, which specifies that faculty have institutional authority over curriculum, student academic performance standards, and the overall academic mission of the university,

Whereas these activities appear to also violate the spirit of IC 21-41-2-1, which specifies that "the board of trustees of a state educational institution may prescribe the curricula and courses of study offered by the state educational institution and define the standards of proficiency and satisfaction within the curricula and courses established by the state educational institution,"

And whereas such mandates and proposed mandates have great potential to negatively affect the quality of education we will be able to offer students of Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI),

We, the faculty of IUPUI, join with President McRobbie, the Board of Trustees, IUB Faculty Council President Calloway-Thomas, and IUPUI Faculty Council President Windsor in expressing concern over recent legislative initiatives and urge cooperation among Indiana University Faculty, administration, and the legislature to end the encroachment of legislative action on the mission of Indiana University especially the education of its students.