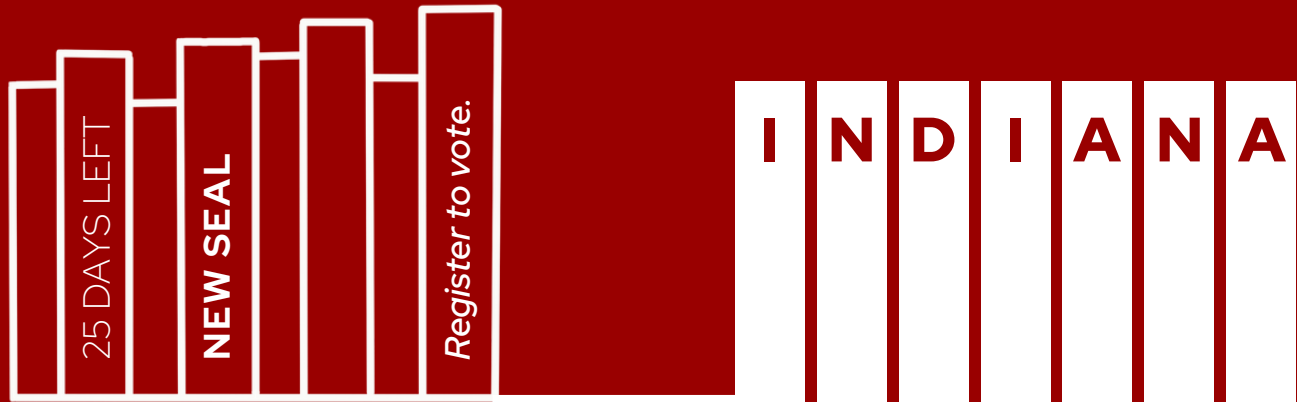




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Stay Informed and Keep Current

Hello Hoosiers!

As summer heats up, so do the exciting developments within IUSG. We hope that you are ready for another edition of the monthly Indiana University Student Government Newsletter, *The Informed Student*! We are dedicated to keeping you connected and informed with everything you need to know about IUSG, right at your fingertips. On the last day of every month, you can dive into detailed updates on our initiatives, discover our upcoming events, learn how to access essential campus resources, and so much more! In this edition, find updates on IUSG's response to the Expressive Activity Policy, discover our new seal, provide your input on Indiana Avenue, and more!

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The Student Body Congress votes on the initial draft of the Expressive Activity Policy

The Student Body Congress is the legislative branch of IUSG comprised of student representatives who serve on behalf of academic, residential, or multicultural constituencies. On July 8, 2024, for the **initial draft** of the Expressive Activity Policy, Congress voted on subsections 1-9 of the policy statement and the policy as a whole. In addition to the survey responses and discussions with student governance groups, their inputs provided valuable insights into the overall sentiment toward the policy and highlighted key areas that need attention and improvement.

Section 1 of the policy as written: **NAY**

Section 2 of the policy as written: **NAY**

Section 3 of the policy as written: **NAY**

Section 4 of the policy as written: **NAY**

Section 5 of the policy as written: **NAY**

Section 6 of the policy as written: **NAY**

Section 7 of the policy as written: **NAY**

Section 8 of the policy as written: **NAY**

Section 9 of the policy as written: **YAY**

Policy as a whole: **NAY**

*On the following page, you will find a statement from Student Body President Cooper Tinsley and Vice President Nicole Santiuste, released on July 29, 2024, following the Board of Trustees' approval of the **new** Expressive Activity Policy.*



INDIANA UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT
Offices of the Student Body President & Vice President

29 July 2024

Dear IU Bloomington Students,

Today, the IU Board of Trustees approved the new [Expressive Activity Policy \(UA-10\)](#), a decision that will significantly impact every student on our campus. **While we are grateful to have had the opportunity to provide feedback on behalf of the student body, we must acknowledge that this policy still harbors several critical flaws.** After a review of over 200 pages of responses from various stakeholders, the Office of the Vice President and General Counsel has implemented several key improvements to the policy, including those presented by the Student Body President:

- 1. Restrictions on Camping:** In the previous version, no form of camping was allowed at all. However, the revised policy allows for the approval of such activities so long as they are part of an official University event.
- 2. Definition of Expressive Activity:** The policy now clearly defines protected expressive activities, including participating in speech or conduct protected by the First Amendment, communicating by any lawful means, participating in peaceful assembly, protesting, making speeches, distributing literature, carrying signs, and circulating petitions.
- 3. Clarification of Disruptions:** The term "materially and substantially disrupt" has been clarified to align with [UA-14 \(The First Amendment at Indiana University\)](#), ensuring that protected conduct includes lawful protesting in public areas of campus and minor, brief, nonviolent disruptions.
- 4. Addition of a Content-Neutral Clause:** Time, place, and manner regulations must be content and viewpoint-neutral, allowing IU community members to assemble spontaneously and contemporaneously.
- 5. Sanctions Adjustment:** The language now states that conduct believed to violate the policy *may* result in immediate action, including citation, trespass, and/or *interim* suspension, rather than automatic severe penalties.

Despite these revisions and further recommendations by the Student Body President, the policy remains deeply flawed and presents significant concerns:

- 6. Use of Force:** The policy allows the Associate Vice President/Superintendent for Public Safety to engage additional resources to remove unapproved structures, potentially inviting the use of force against students. **Let us be unequivocally clear: IUSG has never and will never support a policy that encourages the use of physical force against students.**
- 7. Appeal Process:** The final policy fails to assert the right to appeal sanctions for students, faculty, and staff, which was present in the first draft. The right to appeal, guaranteed under

the student code of conduct, is a fundamental protection that must be upheld for students and extended to other constituencies.

7. **Time Restrictions:** Expressive activity is still prohibited outside the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m., limiting freedom of expression despite existing clauses addressing disruptions. The First Amendment does not cease to protect free speech and expressive activities after 11:00 p.m. The right to free speech is a fundamental liberty that must be upheld at all hours.
8. **Advance Notice for Structures:** The requirement for a 10-day advance request for temporary structures conflicts with the need for spontaneous and contemporaneous expressive activities. This restriction undermines students' ability to promptly respond to current events and exercise their right to immediate expression in reaction to unfolding situations.
9. **Lack of Stakeholder Involvement:** The policy lacks mechanisms for student, faculty, and staff involvement in decisions related to approvals or denials of applications or appeals, including temporary structures and camping.

We thank Trustee Seibert for his advocacy and Trustee Winston for her steadfast support of the student body. As we approach the fall semester, **let us stand unified in our determination to safeguard our rights and freedoms.** We have the power to shape our campus environment, and through our collective voice, we will continue to advocate for policies that reflect our values and protect our rights. Rest assured, this is not the end. IUSG will continue to push for revisions to this policy to better serve the student body. If you have comments or questions about this policy, we encourage you to do so through the university's policy feedback form at policies.iu.edu/contact.

In defense of our fundamental freedoms,



Cooper Tinsley
Student Body President
Indiana University Student Government

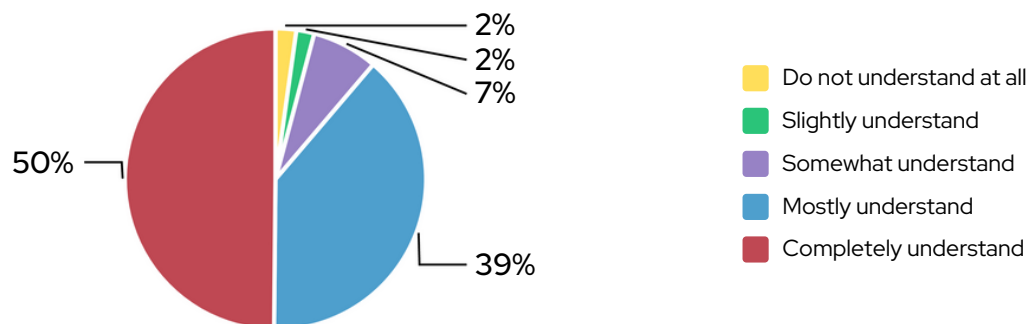


Nicole Santiuste
Student Body Vice President
Indiana University Student Government

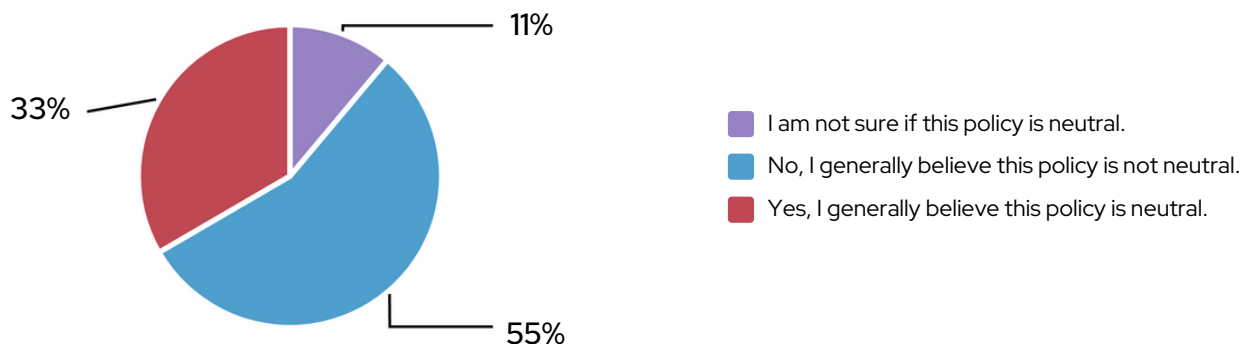
Student Feedback on the Initial Draft of the Expressive Activity Policy

On June 26, 2024, Student Body President Cooper Tinsley sent a campus-wide survey regarding the **initial draft** of the Expressive Activity Policy. Thank you to everyone who participated in the survey. Your thoughtful insights were invaluable in shaping the thorough report submitted to the university administration. Some of the data received can be found on the following pages.

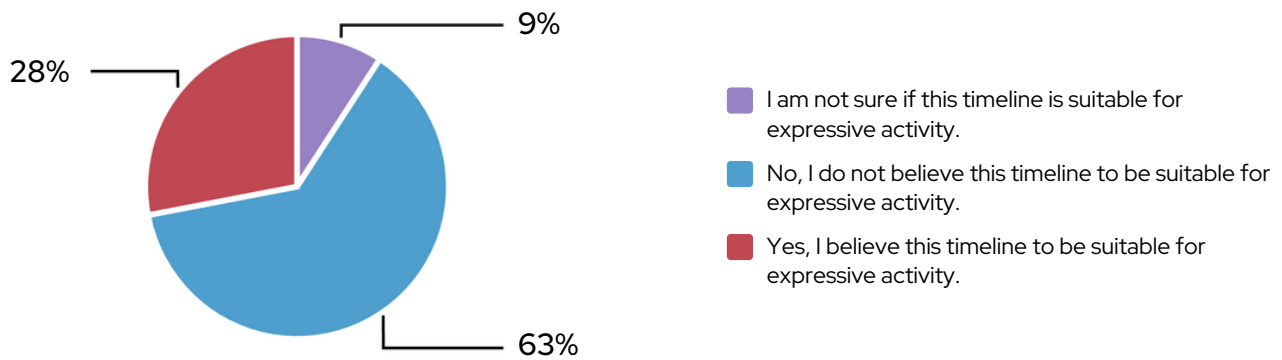
After reading the proposed policy, how well do you feel you understand its content?



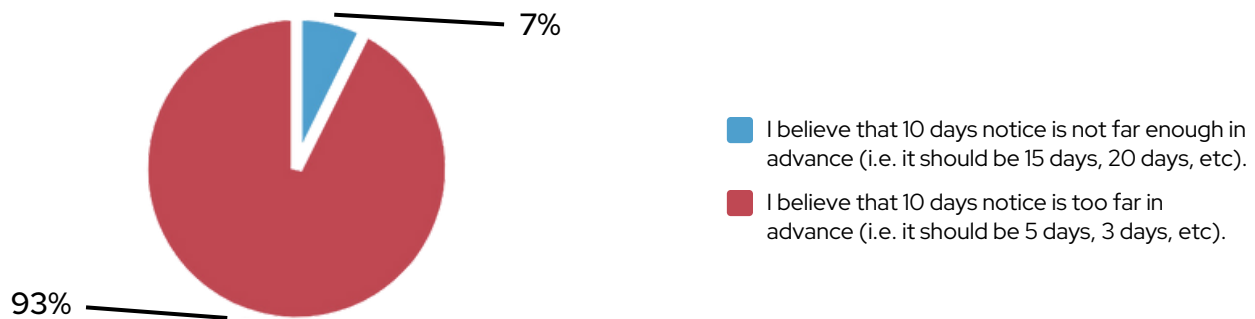
Generally speaking, do you believe this policy to be neutral?



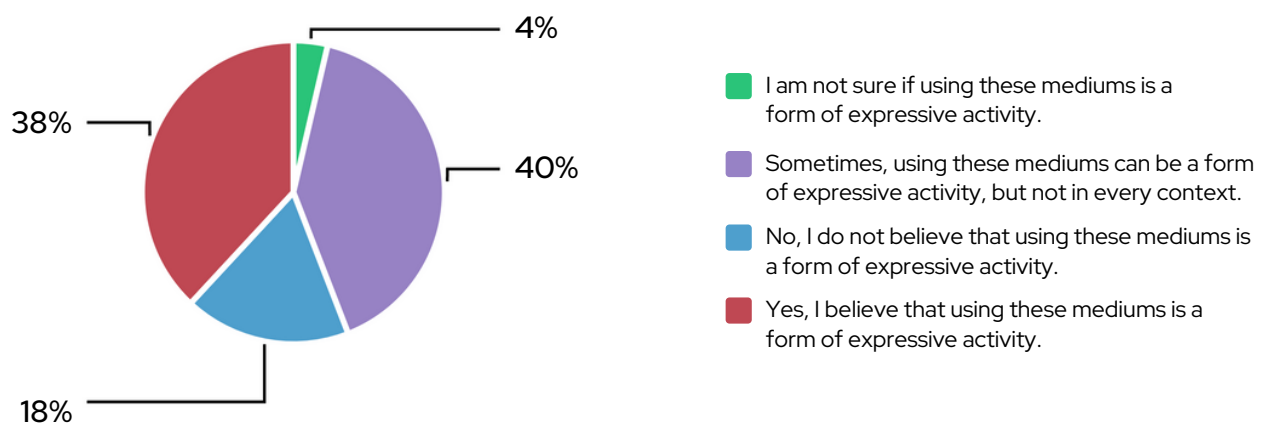
Regulation 3 states that "the request for temporary structures must be requested 10 days in advance of proposed installation." Do you believe this timeline to be suitable for expressive activity?



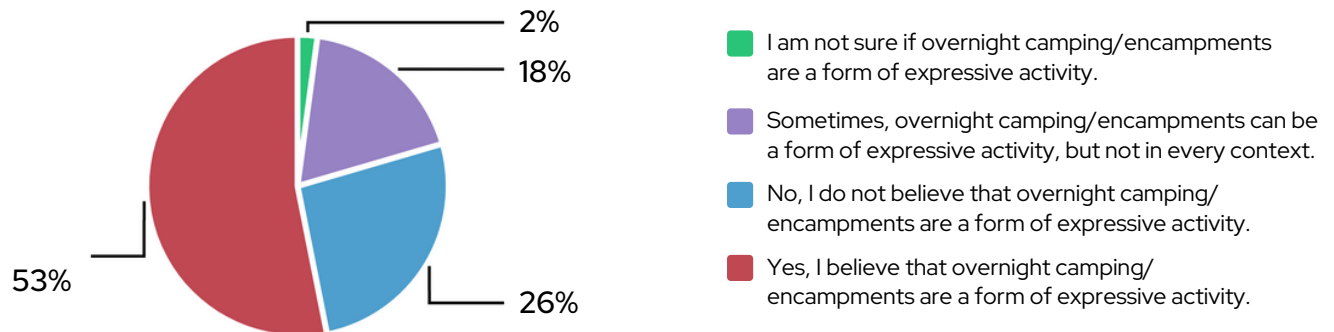
Do you believe this timeline to be too far in advance or not far enough?



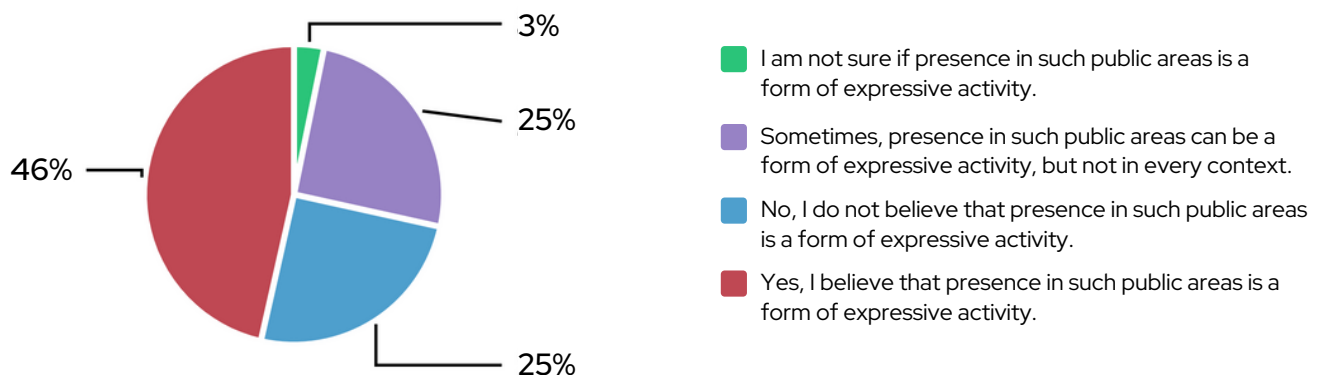
Regulation 4 states that "Non-water soluble, semi-permanent, and permanent substances: These items, including, but not limited to, spray chalk, are not permitted on any University surface, including vertical surfaces, lampposts, signs, public art, and sculptures. No markings of any kind are permitted on vertical surfaces." Do you believe that using mediums such as spray chalk and paint is a form of expressive activity?



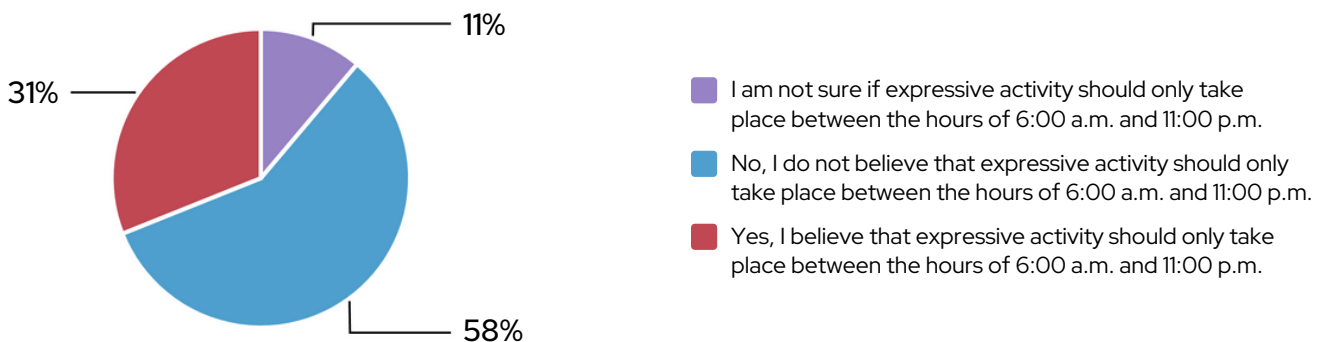
Regulation 5 states that "Overnight camping, which includes the use of any item to create a shelter, is not a form of Expressive Activity," and that "Encampments and overnight Expressive Activity are not permitted in any indoor or outdoor location." Do you believe overnight camping/encampments are a form of expressive activity?



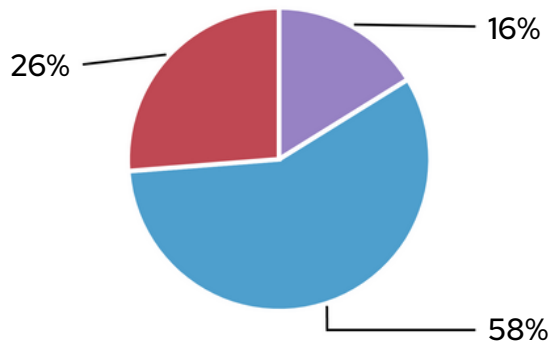
Regulation 6 states that "Expressive Activity may not block ingress or egress to any building...and must take place a minimum of twenty-five feet...from the entrance to any University building. Expressive Activity shall not impede or interfere with vehicular or pedestrian traffic." Do you believe that presence in such areas, provided they are public spaces, is a form of expressive activity?



Regulation 8 states that "Expressive Activity must take place between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m." Do you believe this time frame to be suitable for expressive activity?

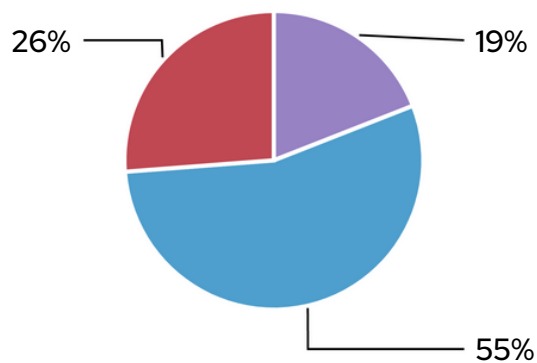


Do you believe that the proposed policy is more or less protective of your rights to freedom of expression relative to the previous policy BL-ACA-118?



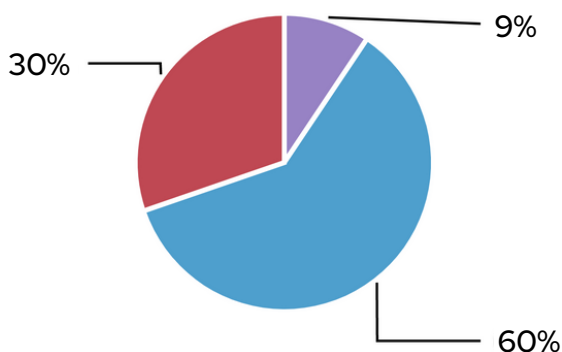
- I believe the proposed policy is **equally as protective** of my rights to freedom of expression as the previous policy.
- I believe the proposed policy is **less protective** of my rights to freedom of expression than the previous policy.
- I believe the proposed policy is **more protective** of my rights to freedom of expression than the previous policy.

Would the proposed policy make you feel more or less safe while participating in an expressive activity relative to the previous policy linked above?



- The proposed policy would make me **feel equally as safe** while participating in an expressive activity relative to the previous policy linked above.
- The proposed policy would make me **feel less safe** while participating in an expressive activity relative to the previous policy.
- The proposed policy would make me **feel more safe** while participating in an expressive activity relative to the previous policy.

The sanctions section of the policy reads "Violations of this policy will result in immediate citation, trespass, and/or suspension from campus; suspension or termination of University employment; and responsibility for any costs incurred due to damages caused by violations of this policy." Do you believe that these sanctions are appropriate given the potential violations of this policy?



- I am not sure, given the potential violations of this policy, if I believe the sanctions are appropriate.
- No, given the potential violations of this policy, I do not believe the sanctions are appropriate.
- Yes, given the potential violations of this policy, I believe the sanctions are appropriate.

Introducing IU Student Government's

New Seal!



The IUSG seal serves as the organization's most formal mark. Though not intended for everyday use, the seal's elements encapsulate the history and mission of IUSG. The balanced scale signifies **fairness, justice, and equality**. An open book, inscribed with the year 1912, commemorates the first mention of a student council at Indiana University on **December 5, 1912**. Surrounding the central imagery is the Latin phrase "Custodire Lus Studiosum," meaning **"Protect Student Rights."** The torch, placed before the book and scales, references our state flag. Finally, the outer ring features the Latin words "Indianensis Universitatis Imperium Discipulus," translating to "Indiana University Student Government."

**A PROCLAMATION ON RECOGNIZING DECEMBER 5, 1912, AS THE
FOUNDING DAY OF THE INDIANA UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT
BY THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT OF INDIANA UNIVERSITY
A PROCLAMATION**

Recognizing the essential role of student governance in fostering leadership, advocacy, and community at Indiana University, it is imperative that we honor the origins and historical milestones that have shaped the Indiana University Student Government.

Whereas, the concept of a student council at Indiana University was first proposed on December 5, 1912, during a meeting of what is now called the Indiana Memorial Union Board, when Professor Louis S. Davis presented the plan to establish a council dedicated to student welfare and self-governance following a faculty resolution aimed at reconciling faculty and student viewpoints, and it was during this meeting that the idea of student self-government at Indiana University was first approved by students.

Whereas, the student council, as outlined, was intended to bridge the gap between faculty and students, representing a significant step toward a comprehensive system of student self-government and emphasizing representation based on individual merit;

Whereas, despite initial enthusiasm and support, the early efforts of the student council faced numerous challenges, including jurisdictional overlaps with other campus organizations and a significant defeat in the 1919 referendum, delaying the establishment of a stable student government;

Whereas, persistent advocacy by student leaders and support from university administration, especially from IU President Herman B Wells, culminated in the ratification of a student government constitution on January 28, 1944, thus laying the foundation for the current IUSG;

Whereas, the IUSG has evolved significantly since its inception, adapting to the changing needs of the student body and expanding its responsibilities to enhance student life at Indiana University;

Now, Therefore, I, Cooper Tinsley, Student Body President of Indiana University, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim December 5, 1912, as the Founding Day of the Indiana University Student Government.

To commemorate this recognition, I hereby adopt a new seal for the Indiana University Student Government, affixed to the document embodying this proclamation. This seal will serve as a symbol of our legacy and will be used exclusively by senior IUSG officials on official documents, in addition to our current symbol.

I further assign the Department of General Operations, under the direction of the Executive Chief of Staff, the responsibility of developing comprehensive branding guidelines for the use of the seal. Additionally, the recognition and celebration of Founding Day will be coordinated by the Office of Alumni Relations to ensure that this important milestone is honored annually within our community.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this twelfth day of July, in the present year two thousand and twenty-four, and of the Indiana University Student Government the one-hundred and twelfth.



Cooper Tinsley
Student Body President
Indiana University Student Government

Support students by donating to

IUSG's Funds!



IUSG Student Healthcare Fund

Gifts will support student-led healthcare prevention efforts on the Bloomington campus. These initiatives, developed in consultation with the Division of Student Affairs, address pressing student health issues.

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IUSG Fund

Gifts will be allocated to support the diverse activities, programs, and initiatives of the student government. These contributions will enable high-impact projects such as the Makerspace, Crimson Closet, and the Textbook & Test Prep Library

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For more information on our student support funds or if you're interested in financing one of our high-impact projects, please contact us at [**iusgexec@iu.edu**](mailto:iusgexec@iu.edu).

Have you registered to vote yet?

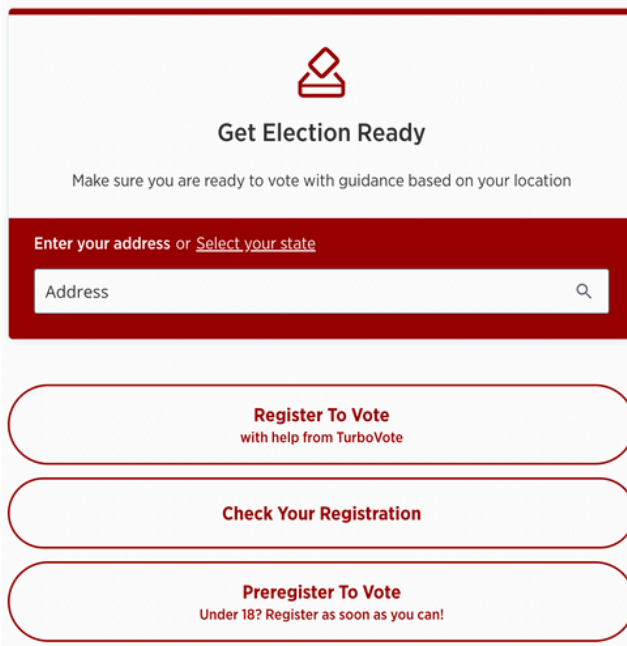
Use Turbo Vote!

We help you vote, no matter what.

Click [here](#) for a free Uber ride to vote and a ride back home. (For Monroe County residents only.)

Not affiliated with IU? You do not have to be an Indiana University student or employee to use this site. It is accessible to voters in all 50 states plus D.C.

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Press the QR code to register to vote using IU Turbo Vote!

In collaboration with the Political and Civic Engagement (PACE) program and the Student Involvement and Leadership Center IUSG helps fund Turbo Vote to support voter registration and engagement.

1. **Information on Voting:** TurboVote offers detailed information on what students need to bring to the polls, where their polling place is, and what to expect on election day.
2. **Election Reminders:** Students can sign up for reminders about upcoming elections, including deadlines for registration, absentee ballots, and election days.
3. **Absentee Ballots:** For students who are studying out-of-state or away from their permanent residence, TurboVote provides information and support for voting by mail, voting early, and requesting absentee ballots.

Registering to vote is the first step in ensuring your voice is heard in shaping the policies and leaders that impact your community and future!



Provide your input on

Indiana Avenue

The City of Bloomington needs your input to shape safety improvements on the Indiana Avenue corridor. Please fill out the survey below, focusing on two initial concepts. For more information about the project and its timeline, please visit bloomington.in.gov/engineering/projects/indiana. **The survey closes on Sunday, August 4.**



*All concept images are either linked or displayed within the survey.



Press the QR code to complete the survey. Your feedback will be used to for the final project design.

Help define IU's new

Wellness Space

The Wellness Center, centrally located on campus, will feature four unique wellness rooms to help students thrive. The Office of Student Life is committed to actively integrating student ideas, needs, and preferences into the planning of these rooms.



Press the QR code to complete the survey to add your voice to the development of the new Wellness Center.



Passed in Congress *July 2024*

Regular Session of the 2024 IU Student Body Congress

CONGRESS ENROLLED ACT No. 1004

Be it enacted by the students of Indiana University in Congress assembled:

On May 23, 2024, Congress passed Bill No. 1009, authored by Representatives Louis Gallegos and Elizabeth Conley, which advocates for improved public transportation services specifically tailored to the needs of our dining staff.

In each newsletter, we will highlight student-focused Congress bills that have passed during the month. However, you can access IUSG records and full versions of all Congress bills at any time on our website iustudentgovernment.indiana.edu



APPLY TO CONGRESS

Any interested student who is a constituent of a vacant district is encouraged to apply! The following Congressional districts currently have one or more vacancies:

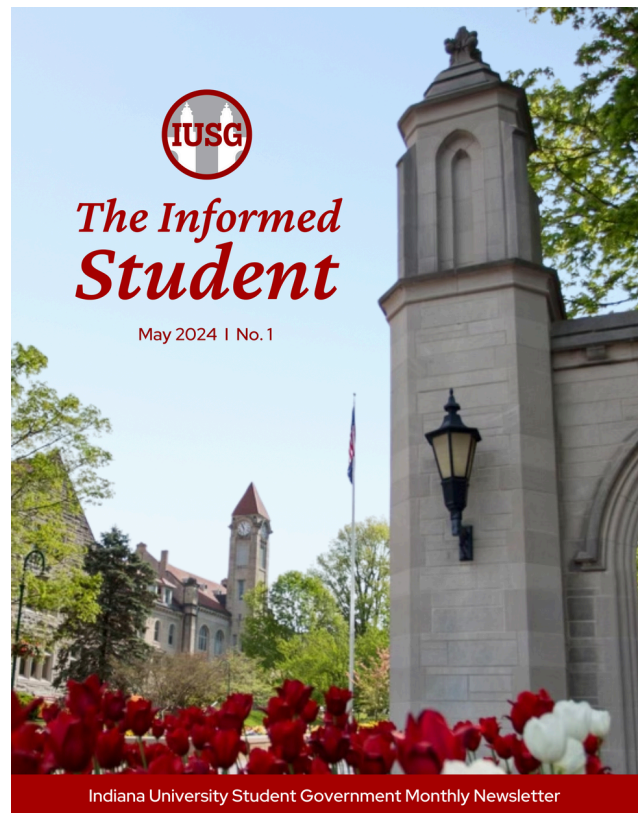
- Graduate & Professional Education (All non-undergrad degree programs)
- Jacobs School of Music
- Luddy School of Informatics, Computing, and Engineering
- Schools of Nursing, Public Health, & Social Work (Undergrad)
- University Division (Undergrad)
- School of Education
- Off-Campus Housing
- On-Campus Apartment Housing
- Greek Housing



Press the QR code to apply and find more information. Successful applicants will be expected to commit about 3-5 hours per week to the role, including a required weekly meeting on Monday nights in the IMU and another weekly meeting, depending on their committee assignment.

Check out the past edition of the

Informed Student!



Press the QR Code for the **June** edition of the Informed Student



Press the QR Code for the **May** edition of the Informed Student

**EXCITED TO
BE BACK IN
BLOOM?**



**25
DAYS**

UNTIL CLASSES STARTS



SOME IMPORTANT DATES:

- 8/21 - IUB New Student Induction 2024
- 8/23 - Culture Center Open Houses
- 8/23 - Sex, Drugs, Rock and Roll
- 8/23 - Traditions and Spirit of IU
- 8/26 - First Day of Classes!
- 8/29 - Fall Student Involvement Fair



Press the QR code for
the FULL calendar of
all IUB events!



IU FUN FACTS

**JULY
EDITION**

- On July 17, 1898, Frances Marshall Eagleson was born. Eagleson would go on to become the first Black woman to graduate from Indiana University. In 1969, The Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center at IU Bloomington was named in honor of Eagleson and Marcellus Neal (the first Black man to graduate from IU).
- On July 26, 2005, the Indiana University Office of Sustainability was created to promote environmental stewardship and sustainability initiatives on campus.
- In July 2007, the Indiana University Division of Labor Studies merged with the School of Social Work.
- On July 1, 2014, Indiana University established the Media School, which combines the 100-year-old journalism program, the telecommunications department, and portions of the communication and culture department.





DISABILITY PRIDE MONTH

Disability Pride Month began in July 1990, coinciding with the anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) being signed into law. This landmark legislation marked a crucial step in ensuring rights and protections for individuals with disabilities, promoting accessibility, and prohibiting workplace discrimination. This month is dedicated to recognizing both visible and invisible disabilities while honoring the diverse experiences and contributions of individuals with disabilities. Introduced by The Arc's National Council of Self-Advocates, the theme for Disability Pride Month 2024, "We Want a Life Like Yours," embodies the desire for equality, inclusion, and the opportunity to lead fulfilling lives. The FUSE administration acknowledges the ongoing challenges and stigma faced by students with disabilities and is committed to making campus a more accessible and inclusive environment, empowering every student to achieve their full potential.



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Mourning for those who have died due to violence and neglect

Sensory Disabilities

Emotional/Psychiatric Disabilities

Invisible/Undiagnosed Disabilities

Neurodivergence

Physical Disabilities



4TH OF JULY INDEPENDENCE DAY

As we celebrate Independence Day, we honor the values of freedom, democracy, and unity that our nation was founded upon. On this day in 1776, the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence, marking the birth of our nation and the beginning of a bold experiment in democracy and self-governance. **However, in these times of political uncertainty, it's crucial to remind ourselves that democracy thrives on active participation. Voting is not just a right; it is a responsibility. Each of us has a voice, and through our collective expression, we shape our nation's future.** Today, we reflect on the courage of our Founding Fathers to set forth a vision of liberty and equality that continues to guide us. The promise of America lies in the opportunity to pursue happiness, where justice is upheld, and our freedoms are protected. It is our collective responsibility to ensure that this promise and vision continues to be fulfilled. The FUSE administration wishes you all a Happy Independence Day. May we continue to move forward, united in our pursuit of a better future for all.



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