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IU Faculty, Students and Staff Mourn Loss of Free Speech, Issue Demands About SEA 202

Bloomington, IN—With the start of the new semester, Indiana University faculty, students, and staff continue to push back on IU's repressive new policy on expressive activity and its short-sighted and legalistic interpretation of Indiana's anti-DEI legislation, SEA 202.

Two actions will be held to coincide with the start of classes:

Remembering Free Speech, A Candlelight Vigil

11:30 pm, Aug. 25, Sample Gates, IUB Campus

Faculty, staff and students will gather at Sample Gates at 11:30 pm for a candlelight vigil mourning the loss of freedom of expression at Indiana University under the new campus Expressive Activity Policy. The policy abruptly replaced Indiana University's longstanding tradition of support for freedom of speech, expression, and protest with tight constraints intended to limit or prevent the ability to speak out at IU. In particular, the policy states that "Expressive Activity must take place between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m."

Protect IU Press Conference

1 pm, Aug. 26, Rose Well House (at the northeastern edge of Dunn's Woods), IUB Campus



Throughout the spring and summer, the Whitten Administration has claimed that police actions and the loss of free speech and civil rights at Indiana University are necessary for our security and protection. But the integrity of IU can only be guaranteed by preserving and protecting our university's values, principles and the rights of members of the IU community. Representatives of the faculty, students, staff and parents will gather in the Rose Well House at 1 pm on the first day of classes for a press conference, speaking out on the

freedoms that have been lost and the harms that have been done, and highlighting what is needed to protect shared governance, diversity, and free speech--to protect IU.

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