



June 26, 2002

THE PRESIDENT'S
OFFICE

Rachel Anderson
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Dear Ms. Anderson and Mr. Ortsey:

I am replying to your recent letter concerning a separate student government for graduate and professional students at Indiana University, Bloomington.

Your arguments in favor of a separate governing body for graduate and professional students are persuasive. You are correct to observe that the areas of interest of the graduate and professional students diverge from those of undergraduate students. Issues such as AI training and mentoring, professional development, and health insurance, to name only a few, pertain primarily if not exclusively to graduate and professional students. While there are some issues that pertain to both graduate/professional and undergraduate students, such as information technology infrastructure, campus physical environment, and so on, these issues can be equally well—or perhaps, even better—addressed by both student governing bodies working in parallel or jointly.

I compliment you on the process that GPSO underwent to arrive at the proposal for a separate governing body. This process was open and forthright. It also permitted input at the local level by engaging graduate and professional students in their departmental settings.

The GPSO has been and continues to be a positive force for the well-being and success of graduate and professional students. To cite one example, the GPSO has been actively involved through RUGS in health insurance for graduate and professional students. This is a difficult set of problems, in which access to health care must be balanced with insurance premiums. In this and other instances, the campus has made progress in

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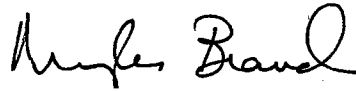
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large part because of the constructive approach of the GPSO and because of the strong coordination between the GPSO and RUGS.

In short, I am pleased to support and endorse the proposal for a separate student government for graduate and professional students at IUB. A separate student government will better enable student representatives to articulate and advocate for graduate and professional students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Myles Brand". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "M" and "B".

Myles Brand
President

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cc: Sharon Brehm
George Walker

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Dear Rachel and Craig,

I have received and read your letter of June 12, 2002. I have also received a copy of President Brand's response on June 26, 2002. I want to join with the President in supporting your proposal. Thus, by means of this letter, I formally recognize the GPSO as the governing body of IU Bloomington graduate and professional students.

Congratulations to you and your colleagues in your sustained and thoughtful effort to create this new organization that will be the voice of the graduate and professional students on the Bloomington campus.

All best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sharon".

Sharon Stephens Brehm
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