



ACTION 2025-2026 Official Platform

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OUR STORY

Before we dive into the details of our policies, we want to share

WHY we are running and how we plan to take ACTION.

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Zachary Goldberg - Presidential Candidate

Hello, Hoosiers! My name is Zach Goldberg, and I'm incredibly honored to have the chance to run as your next Student Body President. I am a sophomore from Long Grove, Illinois, studying Finance, LEAD, and Business Analytics.

Throughout my time at Indiana University, I've been fortunate enough to gain vast experience through student government and conduct boards. Last year, I served as a member—and later chaired—the Student Life & Conduct Judicial Board, where I helped resolve cases related to student safety in on-campus housing. Additionally, I founded the Corporate Law Club and the Undergraduate Law Journal to create spaces for *any* undergraduate student wanting to explore legal careers and topics in the field of law.

This year, I've had the chance to get a closer look at how Indiana University's Student Government operates while serving as the Secretary of Federal Relations. While I've valued this opportunity and the projects I have contributed to, I firmly believe that there is a need for change and am dedicated to creating ACTION to ensure our student government is more transparent, engaged, and student-focused.

In the many conversations I have had with students, I often hear one of two things: “What does student government do?” or “I didn't know IU had a student government.” These conversations have opened my eyes to a clear gap in communication from our current administration. As students, we deserve a government that not only represents us but also actively listens and engages with our community. After all, a government that listens is a government that serves.

My experiences—along with some frustrations—have shaped a vision for a student government that prioritizes **Community, Safety, and Success**. Together, we can take ACTION, and build a stronger, more connected campus. Below, you'll find a list of policy initiatives our team is excited to share with you all. Your feedback is essential to us, and we can't wait to hear your ideas and concerns as we work to earn your trust and support.

As I have previously stated, a government that listens is a government that serves. I anticipate and eagerly await listening to the many voices that encompass Indiana University's dynamic and

diverse campus. I am confident that I will not only be your peer, but I will be a leader that listens and serves you well.

Ava Smith - Vice Presidential Candidate

Hello, Hoosiers! My name is Ava Smith, and I am a sophomore at Indiana University studying Healthcare Management & Policy, with a minor in Human Resources. I am running to be your next Student Body Vice President because I have seen firsthand where our campus could better support students so that they feel safer, valued, and heard by those in leadership positions.

Last December, I lost a family member and instead of being met with compassion and grace by some faculty, I was told that I would not be able to return home unless I was willing to accept zeroes on my final exams. This was gut wrenching, as it meant that I was put in an uncompromisable position: Do I go home to mourn the loss of my grandfather or miss the services for the sake of a grade?

This was just the first instance of where I have started to see where our university can seek to improve, which has led me to decide to run for student government. I am active on campus through Indiana University Dance Marathon's Hospital Relations Committee, Alpha Gamma Delta, and as an O'Neill School Student Ambassador. While I have never been part of student government in any capacity, it is the failure of previous leadership and policies that have led me to take the leap and run on behalf of *all* students, regardless of their affiliation with Indiana University's Student Government.

While Indiana University Student Government may seem like an isolated entity, the organization has a dramatic impact on student life on campus, which I have seen through myself and those around me. Several of my close friends have been intimately impacted by sexual assault on campus, which has increasingly become a concern of mine. The current administration ran on a promise to provide support to survivors of sexual assault and make the campus that we love safer. However, instead, students have only been met with awareness campaigns and a \$2,000 allocation to donations that go towards student organizations and offices that support students that have been impacted by sexual assault. Such efforts are truly *not* enough to combat the glaring issue that sexual assault has become on our campus.

Students deserve more ACTION on the issues that greatly impact their daily lives and personal well-being. While I have no experience in Indiana University's Student Government, I am determined to provide students with the support and leadership that they deserve. Students on our campus should not have to worry about being sexually assaulted or wrestle with the long journey that is reporting such conduct. Instead, our Indiana University students should be able to focus on being just that: a student.

First and foremost, I am your peer, but I hope that throughout this campaign I can be a voice to all students on our campus, amplifying communities that have found themselves silenced by those in leadership. The policies that our team have diligently crafted throughout this document make me excited for the future of our university and student body. I hope that you will instill trust in both Zach and I, allowing us to implement these ideas and take ACTION on the issues that have time and time again been overlooked.

I want to thank you for taking time to read over the work we have done in hopes that you will join us on this journey. I am confident that together we can make the university that we have all come to make home better for our current student body and generations of Hoosiers to come.

OUR VISION AND POLICIES

Please note: This policy document is a living document. It will be updated as we communicate with students on campus to identify pressing issues that directly impact the student body and adjust our mission to accommodate them. Any updates will be highlighted and dated in our table of contents for ease of reference as the campaign moves forward.

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(Insert dates and revisions if necessary)

Chapter 1: Safety

Safety on our campus is more than just a priority—it's the foundation of a successful academic and social environment. Statistics continue to show that safety is a concern of students on our campus year after year, which is why we feel that it is essential to address the safety of our student body through our first pillar. This pillar encompasses sexual violence prevention, mental health support, food and drug safety, infrastructure improvements, and combating hate speech. Our mission is to foster a secure and inclusive environment where *every* Hoosier feels protected, respected, and empowered to thrive.

1. Strengthen Sexual Violence Prevention, Support for Survivors, and Access to Sex-Related Resources:

a.) Our administration seeks to tackle the sexual violence crisis on campus by streamlining and advancing the current reporting system for sex-based crime. We will work with the Sexual Assault Crisis Service (SACS) to make the reporting system faster, easier to access, and more straightforward for victims.

i.) The process for reporting will be posted on our website and shared with freshmen at their orientation as we believe that every student should have the knowledge on how to report such tragic instances before or as soon as they make our campus their home.

b.) In addition to streamlining the reporting of sexual violence, we will expand the “Sexual Assault Survivor Fund” to assist survivors who cannot afford a lawyer and wish to seek legal assistance outside of Pro Bono work.

c.) At a university level, our administration will advocate to add consent to sexual education training as well as a clear definition of consent from the IU website for every student posted in dorm buildings.

i.) On a state level, we find that it is crucial to advocate for an *explicitly* defined definition of consent.

d.) Further, we will inform students of [House Bill 1079](#) and their rights under Indiana state consent laws through social posts and our website, advocating at a state level for expanded definitions and applications of consent wherever we see the chance to do so.

e.) We recognize the mental burden of reporting sexual violence and we advocate for a survivor-friendly reporting and investigation process so that survivors of sexual violence do not have to face their perpetrators. Our sincerest hope is that this would encourage students to report instances of sexual misconduct and ease the burden of doing so.

f.) Our administration will collaborate with the Sexual Assault Crisis Service (SACS) and the broader Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) to expand counseling services for survivors of sexual violence. Our goal is to ensure that *every* student has access to a trusted, and compassionate professional on campus who can provide support and resources to navigate victims' healing journey.

g.) Our campaign recognizes the hard work done during the Thrive administration of Kyle Seibert and Bell Pastore, where they implemented the Plan B endowment fund to ensure students had access to free emergency contraceptives through the Indiana University Health Center (now the Student Health Care Fund). Our campaign would like to continue funding this initiative while adding free and accessible STI/D testing.

i.) In addition to the emergency contraception provided by the Student Health Care Fund, our campaign plans to continue funding this initiative while adding free and accessible STI/D testing. Additionally, we will also work to subsidize rape kits for victims of sexual violence.

h.) To coincide with our efforts towards free and accessible emergency contraceptives and STI/D testing, our administration plans to allocate funding towards providing free condoms in all residence halls.

i.) It is important to our campaign to reimplement Proclamation 112, which calls on all four Greek councils to have mandatory sexual assault prevention training for their chapters at the beginning of every calendar year.

j.) In conjunction with our other critical policies that address sexual violence on our campus, we will advocate to get rid of alternative resolution hearings for sexually motivated crimes on campus.

i.) Alternative resolutions, such as completing an essay or offering an apology, allow students to resolve conflicts without further repercussions from IU. While these approaches may be effective for minor violations, such as those involving alcohol, they are completely inappropriate and inadequate for cases involving sexually-motivated crimes.

k.) Lastly, we envision beginning to tackle the sexual violence crisis as soon as Hoosiers step on campus by implementing and/or adding mandatory sexual violence prevention and comprehensive sex education for IU New Student Orientation (NSO). With our students coming to campus from all various backgrounds, it is critical to provide our freshman with this crucial information about safe sex during, for some, their first year of independence.

2. Expanding Mental Health Services and Safety:

a.) We recognize the significance of mental health and safety on our campus. Hence, we will prioritize expanding mental healthcare resources on campus such as funding and advocating for counseling, support networks, and more space dedicated to mental health safety for *every* student to access, regardless of their background.

i.) One way in which we envision expanding mental health policies on campus is by dedicating more space to it. With this in mind, we will expand the IU Partnership with TimelyMD by providing specific rooms around campus reserved for TimelyMD and counseling appointments.

b.) Further, our administration will collaborate with the IU Student Health Center in order to allow students to utilize more health insurance options, ensuring student coverage and making sure our students are covered in the case of illness or unforeseen circumstances.

i.) As a state institution, we will ensure that students have access to medical care with their government health insurance plans. We want to allow military students and those relatives/children of military families accessibility to medical care on our campus. Hence, the ACTION administration will work with the IU Student Health Center to accept Tricare and other government insurance plans.

c.) We will work with CAPS to hire more inclusive and specialized therapists to account for the experience and needs of *every* student, regardless of their race, color, religion, sex (including gender identity), sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability or genetic information, to allow Hoosiers to feel comfortable and heard while speaking to a therapist.

i.) In light of [Declan Farley](#)'s story and the amount of reported hate crimes towards LGBTQ+ students on campus, it is important to our administration that we advocate for the hiring of a therapist who is trained and specializes in assisting LGBTQ+ individuals.

d.) Additionally, we believe students should have the right to take mental health days without penalty. The ACTION campaign will advocate for a simple and accessible process for allowing students to take mental health days off from classes. We recognize the immense pressures college life can impose and the challenges many students face daily. Prioritizing mental health is essential to fostering a supportive and balanced academic environment, and we look to do *just that* with these days off.

3. Improving Food and Drug Safety:

a.) The ACTION ticket is devoted to increasing food safety, as we believe no student should go hungry while pursuing an education. Therefore, we will work with dining halls to donate excess food to the Crimson Cupboard weekly for students in need.

b.) Furthermore, we will implement a program to ensure that leftover meal swipes and dining dollars are automatically redirected to support students in need.

i.) Through this initiative, students will have the opportunity to opt into the program throughout the semester, recognizing food insecurity can occur at *any* time. Near the end of every semester, students who have leftover meal swipes and dining dollars will have the option of donating their excess towards their peers facing food insecurity.

c.) Our campaign will advocate for a 24-hour food access option on campus to ensure our commitment to *no* student having to study or work hungry. This initiative will support students with late classes, unconventional schedules, or after-hours needs by implementing options like self-checkout stations or vending machines stocked with a diverse array of meals, ensuring reliable and convenient access at all times without a need for extra staffing.

d.) We are committed to work alongside IU Dining and Hospitality to increase access to foods that align with students' personal dietary and religious food restrictions.

i.) We believe that it is important to increase vegan, vegetarian, dairy-free, gluten-free, kosher, and halal options on campus and having communicated labels on Grubhub, within the dining halls, and vending machines.

e.) Our leadership plans to directly advocate for food security federally through the EATS (Enhanced Access To SNAP) Act, promoting easy access to nutrition without detrimental constraints or qualifications, as outlined in the SNAP Act (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program).

f.) It is crucial that we continue further collaboration with the Indiana Recovery Alliance and allocate funding in order to provide free naloxone (Narcan) and drug testing strips in residence halls, on-campus housing, and with all OSFL chapters.

4. Improving Campus Infrastructure and Travel:

a.) First and foremost, we seek to increase lighting around campus, as too many areas are not as well-lit and pose a serious risk to student safety at night.

i.) After instances of students being hit on campus in the middle of the night, our campaign aims to collaborate with IU administration to ensure that there is additional lighting added along North Eagleson Avenue.

b.) Further, to promote night-time safety, we are promising to advocate for additional night routes on campus and a dedicated 24-hour bus.

i.) We will enhance the aforementioned night routes on campus by working with IU Ride to expand service hours and increase coverage. By collaborating with local drivers, we aim to ensure that students can access safe, reliable transportation at any hour, helping them get home securely, no matter the time.

c.) Additionally, we will work to expand IU Rides. IU Rides should not take as long as they do now because the wait times deter students from using the service, which puts Hoosiers in a compromising position. Our campaign plans to advocate for an increased number of vehicles available so that students do not have to wait extended periods for a safe ride home.

i.) For reference IU Rides' current fleet is only 3 vehicles. The ACTION administration will push for increasing the fleet to 5+ vehicles, promoting student safety on campus at night.

d.) The ACTION ticket aims to make our campus safer by implementing more crosswalks, especially in areas where there is heavy foot traffic. For example, one such area that is in dire need of a crosswalk is between the Kelley School of Business and the Fee Lane parking garage. Currently, students are forced to cross oncoming traffic or walk to the nearest crossing, which has led to several individuals being struck by cars on their way to classes.

i.) We will also advocate for enhancing the flow of traffic by implementing walk signs at the O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs crosswalk, as well as the intersection of 7th Street and Woodlawn Avenue.

e.) We are deeply committed to the implementation of suicide-prevention measures in parking garages and other accessible tall buildings across campus. We aim to proactively

address this critical issue by creating safer environments and finding additional measures that minimize such tragedies in our community.

f.) There has been an increasing concern about the safety measures put in place regarding AEDs around campus, as there are several buildings that do not have such life-saving equipment. Our ticket is looking to solve this problem by allocating funding and directly advocating for AED equipment to be readily available in every academic building.

i.) Additionally, with the absence of AED equipment in a number of academic buildings around campus, we seek to establish a map of where AEDs are accessible nearby.

g.) To couple our advocacy for AEDs around campus, our ticket believes that *all* faculty and staff should be CPR-certified and retain their certification, ensuring that their students are in good hands if an emergency occurs on campus.

h.) Finally, our administration aims to make the existing resources around campus more accessible and effective. While the blue light system was a great addition to our campus and a step in the right direction regarding safety, several students have reported that these lights are not effective or simply are inoperable. We seek to rectify these issues, allowing for the blue lights to serve our student body in the way that they were meant to.

5. Battling All Forms of Hateful Rhetoric:

a.) It is completely unacceptable that we continue to allow hateful rhetoric to be expressed on our campus. Every student deserves to feel safe and welcomed at Indiana University Bloomington. Therefore, we will work to implement bias incident training, appropriate education on the diverse cultures that make up IU, and the creation of a collective campus culture of belonging through communal events and summits to address hateful rhetoric. We unconditionally stand against *all* forms of hate including but by no means limited to anti-Asian hate, antisemitism, homophobia, islamophobia, racism, sexism, transphobia, and xenophobia.

b.) We will collaborate with university faculty to develop and implement mandatory bias training for *all* professors and teaching assistants on campus. By addressing the issues stemming from a lack of understanding of bias on campus, we seek to create a more inclusive and respectful academic environment and actively combat hateful rhetoric and actions on our campus.

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Chapter 2: Community

Indiana University is home to a diverse and motivated student body full of dedicated individuals driven to succeed. As your peers, we understand the value that *each* student brings to our campus. Our administration's goal is to create opportunities and resources that aim to amplify *all* student voices, build meaningful connections, and strengthen the IU community as a whole.

1. Collectively Work To Contribute Towards Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion On Campus:

a.) Our administration will host a cultural summit, bringing together student leaders from all of our cultural centers and other interested individuals. This summit aims to foster mutual respect and understanding among all students on campus by offering an opportunity to explore and celebrate diverse cultures.

i.) This summit will be hosted once each semester by IUSG, with the goal of fostering connections among student leaders across campus. In light of recent tensions, our aim is to build a more collaborative, and unified student body, strengthening the bonds that bring our community together through student-led presentations from attendees and IUSG.

b.) As a platform, we advocate for the continuation of a Queer Student Union (QSU) project, which completely maps all Gender-Neutral Restrooms on campus to pinpoint gaps in accessibility and areas where more gender-neutral restrooms need to be put in place around campus.

c.) We will collectively push for an increase in the number of prayer rooms around campus.

i.) We recognize the prayer room in the IMU is often far away from students and may create issues with access for students. As a ticket, ACTION advocates to increase the number of prayer rooms around campus by utilizing vacant rooms and rooms that are underutilized by classes and student organizations.

ii.) We understand that there are specific restrictions on certain religious obligations that would hinder a student from being able to pray in just any room. Therefore, we are committed to ensuring that these prayer rooms have the space and ability to accommodate every religious obligation (i.e. no windows).

iii.) Additionally, our administration plans to allocate funding for prayer-related equipment for all religious obligations. Therefore, students will be able to access resources that allow them to observe their religion and pray without any financial restraints.

d.) Outside of direct representation, ACTION promises to collaborate with various multicultural student leaders and the Office of Institutional Equity to incorporate a diverse range of opinions before making large decisions that have an impact on the student body.

e.) We recognize the vast number of organizations that call IU home and we want to ensure that every single one is heard. With that in mind, we will host monthly forums open to *all* student leaders to come and voice their concerns and/or opinions on campus and how we can better serve our students and organizations.

f.) We seek to embrace a diverse range of identities and perspectives within our cabinet. Thus, upon election, the ACTION administration promises to create a cabinet emblematic of the diverse student body that makes up IU.

g.) Our campaign seeks to administer a comprehensive study on every point that is inaccessible to students with disabilities, including but not limited to the lack of ramps, broken accessibility door openers, and sidewalk descents. We then will advocate for the replacement or remediation to improve the accessibility of the campus to every student.

h.) Further, the current timeline for requesting an excused absence for a religious observation is 2 weeks in advance.

i.) We believe 2 weeks is too far in advance and the process for excused absence(s) can be very complicated for many students. We wish to allow students to observe their religious holidays while still being proactive in allowing the professor to know. We will advocate to shorten this timeline in recognition of the difficult procedure and extenuating circumstances students deal with.

i.) As a campaign built for every student on campus, ACTION will advocate for ADA-accommodated night rides.

i.) Acknowledging the schedules of students on campus, the need for accommodating night rides for individuals with disabilities has been a long-overlooked issue. To address this, we will work with local transportation services and drivers to establish an inclusive, and accessible ride system, ensuring every student can travel safely and conveniently, regardless of the hour.

j.) Further, we will advocate for easier ways to get accommodations for tests if they are needed and promote manageable testing times for those who have accommodations.

i.) As a TA, Zach has seen the scheduling of accommodated exams and is disappointed in the number of exams rescheduled to 8 AM or 8 PM for students with accommodations. As a step towards convenience and equality, we will advocate for more reasonable testing times and conditions for accommodated students.

k.) As a ticket, we will advocate and allocate funding towards putting trash bins, similar to those in women's bathrooms for hygiene products, in men's bathroom stalls in order to accommodate *every* student on our campus. In addition to these changes, our administration promises to advocate for more gender-neutral bathrooms across campus.

2. Fostering Connection Across Campus:

a.) One of IU's favorite memories of their first year comes from the annual Block Party, which hosts a different music artist for a concert open to all freshmen during Welcome Week. Our administration seeks to collaborate with the IU Union Board to host similar events once a semester, allowing *all* students to gather and celebrate.

i.) Previous IU Block Partys have hosted popular musical artists such as Post Malone, Blackbear, and Charli XCX.

b.) Our administration is firm in our belief that learning can occur outside the classroom through immersion in different communities. We aim to host more community events to foster such connections.

i.) As a ticket representing the student body of Indiana University, we envision hosting regular community events to promote open communication with *all* IU students. Our goal is to organize spontaneous pop-up events regularly where we show up unannounced to distribute food— such as pizza, donuts, and snacks— to students around campus. These events will create opportunities for students to engage with us, voice their thoughts, and connect with their peers in a fun, yet engaging manner.

ii.) In addition to informal pop-ups, we aim to host formal community mixers where students can attend solo or with friends to meet new people and build meaningful connections. By organizing these communal events, we hope to strengthen bonds among IU students and provide a casual environment for them to connect with their student government. We hope these events will also help students alleviate stress from their coursework or extenuating circumstances during their time on campus.

c.) As students, we *all* share one common trait, we are Hoosiers. Under an ACTION government, we will bridge the gap between our graduate Hoosiers and undergraduate Hoosiers.

i.) Through community events open to both graduate students and undergraduates, we aim to lower the barrier to entry so that graduate students can communicate with our undergraduate population and vice versa.

ii.) One of our aims is to set up a program for students to opt into where a graduate student can mentor a “family” (3-5 students) of undergraduates and give them advice as they work through IU, providing friendship and guidance in one spot.

d.) We aim to collaborate with local business leaders to inform students about job opportunities and share any discounts or special offers available from local businesses. Throughout the year, we plan to spotlight these businesses, recognizing that the success of any given institution is closely tied to the success of its surrounding community. Our commitment is to actively support and contribute to the success of local businesses around Bloomington to ensure a thriving community while we serve.

3. Promoting Engagement With Student Government:

a.) As an administration, we will get IUSG more connected with the First-Year Experience (FYE) to connect incoming freshmen with IUSG events and opportunities to get involved.

i.) Many first-year students arrive on campus unaware of IUSG, and we are committed to changing that. By collaborating with First-Year Experience (FYE) programs and other freshman initiatives, we will provide the opportunity for students to better understand and get involved

with IUSG through an event at the beginning of the year that introduces them to the opportunities available through their student government.

ii.) Every student should have the opportunity to clearly understand how their student government operates and how they can get involved from the moment they step on campus. Students shouldn't dig through websites or internal IUSG documents to find this information. Our goal is to simplify and clarify these internal processes and proceedings, providing clear explanations at the beginning of each year through an event hosted by IUSG to ensure accountability & transparency to the student body.

b.) Additionally, we are committed to providing community service to the Bloomington area and our beautiful campus. Once a month, we will dedicate one day for those involved in student government to participate in community service engagements.

i.) These projects will include campus clean-ups, food packaging for those in need, and other initiatives to support the community which will be voted on through our website.

ii.) We will collaborate with local businesses to address food & clothing security and support other key initiatives, creating a network to bolster our community service efforts.

c.) One of our aims is to create IUSG Open Office Hours for any student to come and express their concerns or questions to their government, face to face.

i.) These office hours are not just about raising concerns—they are an opportunity for collaboration and hearing updates on what your government is working on. We want to create a space where students feel comfortable engaging with IUSG while knowing that their voices are being heard and their feedback is not falling on deaf ears.

ii.) Additionally, Some office hours will focus on specific topics such as sustainability, mental health, diversity, and inclusion, or campus safety, inviting specific & relevant communication while ensuring streamlined discussion with those attending.

iii.) Through these office hours, and constant feedback, the ACTION administration will constantly self-evaluate to bring about positive and

impacting change to long-standing processes. Further, we will take ideas from every student to improve the overall experience at Indiana University Bloomington through online forums for ideas or concerns about life on campus.

d.) Lastly, we will establish an “IUSG hotline” where students can voice their opinions and concerns to their Student Body President and Vice President directly. This hotline will serve as a direct line between our students and the people who serve them.

i.) This hotline will be added via text and email– allowing for more natural communication with the student government as opposed to the current system of surveys and applications.

Chapter 3: Success

The final pillar that our campaign is focused on dedicating ourselves to is creating and inspiring success. Ensuring *every* student has the tools, resources, and opportunities to thrive is essential to our ticket. From day one, we will remain steadfast to our commitment to success through the following subcategories: Academic Transparency and Accessibility, Increased Financial Success for Students, and Student Organizational Growth.

1. Advancing Academic Transparency and Accessibility:

a.) First, we will develop a system that allows undergraduate students to access past syllabi before enrolling in a class, promoting greater transparency regarding workload and classroom expectations.

i.) We firmly believe *every* student should have access to see what a class will require of them before committing to taking it. By collaborating with professors to create an accessible database of past syllabi, we will enable students to review course expectations and workload requirements before enrolling.

b.) Further, we will continue collaborating with professors to establish a recommended universal AI policy for classrooms.

i.) This policy would include clear guidelines and the implementation of badges on Canvas assignments and syllabi to indicate when AI tools are permitted, reducing confusion and promoting consistent expectations across *every* class.

c.) Our campaign will collaborate with the Academic Support Center, Student Academic Center, Writing Tutorial Services, and Math Learning Center to reduce the cost of campus tutoring and expand the availability of tutors across all subjects. To us, ensuring that *every* student has affordable and timely access to the support they need to succeed is the bare minimum.

d.) We recognize the high costs of course materials and will establish a program that allows students to donate their used textbooks and class materials. This initiative aims to reduce the financial burden on students by providing access to essential resources for those in need.

i.) As part of this program, we will also expand the calculator rental and EmpowerED initiative to ensure more students have access to the necessary equipment for exams and coursework.

e.) Additionally, we will advocate for more lockers around campus for students to store their lunches or bags if they are on campus all day.

i.) These lockers will be placed in high-volume areas such as the IMU, Ballantine, Wells Library, etc. All lockers will require you to swipe your crimson card to access them, ensuring secure and exclusive access to your belongings.

f.) Lastly, we will advocate for adopting a universal grading scale across campus to ensure greater consistency, fairness, and clarity in grading standards.

2. Strengthen Financial Success for Students:

a.) ACTION will work with local businesses to create a platform for posting job opportunities, helping students find employment that fits their needs and schedules.

i.) This platform will post the job title, location, expected hours, expected compensation, and an external application with the next steps for students. By creating this platform, we will consolidate the job search into one simple site, saving time, effort, and frustration for *everyone*.

b.) Advocate at a federal level to increase student supporting funding through federal efforts such as Pell, EATS, AOTC, and the furtherance of FSEOGs’.

i.) Our first step at the federal level is to continue our fight to double Pell Grants through the Pell Grant Preservation and Expansion Act and meetings with our Congressional representatives.

ii.) We will advocate for the flexibility to transfer Pell Grants to Section 8 housing, allowing students to make the most efficient use of their grant(s) while managing housing costs.

iii.) Advocate to educate students on tax breaks and credits such as the American Opportunity Tax Credit (AOTC) or the Lifetime Learning Credit (LLC). These programs can reduce student tax bills and give partial refunds on educational expenses.

iv.) Work to expand the list of qualified educational expenses in federal tax credit programs to include room and board, insurance, medical expenses, transportation, and similar personal, living, or family expenses.

v.) After the house appropriations bill moved to eliminate FSEOG, we will advocate for the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) not to be eliminated from the FY25 & FY26 budget. Virtually all FSEOG students receive Pell Grants, and those Pell Grant awards are higher than the standard grant given. Hence, the FSEOG is targeting low-income students who need the money most, allowing for accessibility to higher education.

3. Furthering Student Organizational Growth :

a.) With experience in founding student organizations on campus and the challenges that come along with it, we are committed to simplifying the process of creating student organizations. Our campaign will work to streamline the steps involved and create tutorial videos to guide students on BeInvolved, empowering them to form their own groups with ease.

b.) Further, we will foster an environment of collaboration with the various club leadership on campus to plan events, sponsor initiatives, and address campus-wide issues.

c.) Alongside collaboration, we will streamline the process for student organization funding and space reservations. By simplifying both funding requests and space reservations, we will ensure that clubs can secure the resources and spaces they need to host events on campus without any delay.

Chapter 4: Miscellaneous

While we have organized our policy into three main pillars, we also have additional ideas for the campus that don't fit within neatly into these categories. As such, we have included a miscellaneous chapter as a "catch-all" for the remaining policies. This section will outline the policy ideas that fall outside of our main pillars.

1. Increased Knowledge On Recycling With Incentives:

a.) Many students on campus do not consistently recycle. To address this, we propose placing posters displaying recycling DOs and DON'Ts around campus, paired with incentives such as food, merchandise, or recognition. These initiatives aim to encourage better recycling habits and promote a more sustainable future on campus.

2. Increase Transparency in the IUSG Budget:

a.) Every student deserves to know how their government is allocating funds, as their tuition dollars contribute to our annual budget. We will provide full transparency by posting our live budget on the IUSG website, ensuring that all students have access to view how our finances are being spent.

3. Advocate for Necessary Care Products in C-Stores:

a.) Aside from toothbrushes, shampoo, floss, and face cleaners we will advocate for hair care products and other necessary care products for *ALL* students to also be placed in campus C-Stores. This will allow for a diverse selection of products while ensuring that students have adequate and appropriate access to personal care products on our campus.

4. Recognition of the Graduate Student Union and Furthering a Fight for Higher Wages:

a.) It is well past time for the IU administration to recognize the significant role that graduate students play within the university's workforce. IU would not function without their contributions. Therefore, the university must acknowledge the Graduate Student Union, address their concerns, and engage in meaningful, productive dialogue.

5. Seeking to Increase the Number of Bike Storage Locations on Campus:

a.) We recognize the significant number of students who utilize bikes to get around our large campus. With this in mind, we will advocate to give students (and their bikes) peace of mind by increasing the number of bike storage locations around campus.

6. Implementing a Food Waste Composting Program:

a.) Hand in hand with our policies on donations of dining hall excess, we recognize the environmental impact of composting food. Hence, therefore ACTION will work with dining halls to implement a food waste composting program.

7. Promote Native Plant & Animal Species on the Indiana University Bloomington Campus:

- a.) Invasive species are the root of many issues on campus, including storm drainage. Therefore, it is imperative to increase the amount of native plant species on our campus.
- b.) Work towards the dedication of a native, pollinator-friendly, portion of land on the Indiana University Campus.
- c.) Collaborate with the City of Bloomington for wildlife protection on and around the Bloomington campus and a dedicated area for native wildlife species around the Bloomington area.

8. Advocate for the Withdrawal of Investment in the Fossil Fuel Industry:

- a.) It is time for Indiana University to withdraw its investments in the fossil fuel industry to combat climate change. By implementing a long-term plan to reduce fossil fuel investments by 50% or more over the next five years, we can begin to divest from an industry that is destroying the planet.

9. Increase the Number of Trash Cans and Recycling Cans Around Campus:

- a.) In line with our broader sustainability efforts, ACTION aims to increase the number of trash and recycling bins around campus to reduce littering, which harms both our local environment and the planet as a whole.

10. Communications and Engagement:

- a.) To promote accountability and transparency, we will post videos featuring core IUSG positions and functions, outlining their goals, and responsibilities. This will give students an accessible, simplified way to learn about student government in one location.
- b.) We aim to increase collaboration between Congress and the Executive Branch by implementing a survey system that pairs Members of Congress with an Executive counterpart. These pairs will work together on legislative initiatives and event planning, aligning their efforts around common goals based on their survey responses.
- c.) Finally, we will introduce an anonymous internal voting survey to ensure unbiased decision-making within the student government. This will promote fairness and truth in

the voting process instead of the current hand-raising procedure which raises questions of groupthink.

11. Advocate For the Kinsey Institute:

a.) After the Indiana General Assembly's passed HB 1001 in 2023, IU is no longer allowed to use state funds to provide resources to the Kinsey Institute. While we are pleased the institution will remain a part of IU, we are committed to seeking funding for the Kinsey Institute in light of the burden the General Assembly of Indiana has placed upon its' back.

12. Employee Parking for Students Who Work For the University and Work at Least 20 Hours Per Week

a.) To recognize all the hard work that our student employees contribute to the university, we are dedicated to providing students who work at least 20 hours per week with the opportunity to purchase employee parking to recognize their contribution – especially those who commute to and from their University positions and Residential Assistants.

Chapter 5: Our Vision

The final substantive chapter of our policy document outlines our first 5-days and our goals beyond our initial week in office. We are sharing these plans to create an environment of transparency and accountability as we strive to represent the *entire* IU community. By providing these initiatives, we empower you to hold us accountable for our actions and give you a clear view of our goals and priorities if we take office.

Our First 5 Days

Day 1:

a.) On our first day in office, we will issue proclamations condemning *all* forms of hateful rhetoric and discrimination, which *every* standing member of the Executive Branch will be required to sign. Additionally, we will establish contracts with the Executive Branch to solidify our commitment to combating hateful rhetoric and discrimination. Each member will sign these contracts on their first day in office, pledging to honor these commitments throughout our *entire* term.

b.) Further, we will work with Congress to begin the process of reimplementing proclamation 112 with similar legislation to supplement, requiring all four Greek councils to implement mandatory sexual assault prevention training for their chapters at the start of each calendar year.

Day 2:

a.) Alongside our efforts with Congress on sexual violence prevention legislation, we will collaborate to increase donations to cultural centers and the Sexual Assault Survivorship Fund. This will ensure that students in need have access to the resources and support necessary for their safety and well-being while on our campus.

b.) Additionally, we will send applications to join the Executive Branch to *all* student organizations and dormitories, ensuring a diverse pool of applicants with

different perspectives. This approach to applications will help us foster a cabinet that represents the entire student body effectively.

Day 3:

a.) As we review applicants, we will restructure the Indiana University Student Government Executive Branch to enhance efficiency and clearly define roles and responsibilities, ensuring that all members are prepared to take on their tasks effectively from the moment they assume office.

Day 4:

a.) On day four, we will establish the IUSG hotline to provide a direct line of communication with the student body as we begin our term. This hotline will be posted on our website, allowing students to share their concerns and ideas from the very start of our administration, ensuring transparency, collaboration, and representation to the highest degree.

b.) Along with creating the IUSG hotline, we will contact the Indiana Recovery Alliance and start the process of allocating funding in order to provide free naloxone (Narcan) and drug testing strips in residence halls, on-campus housing, and with all OSFL chapters.

Day 5:

a.) On day five we will establish liaisons between our Executive Branch and Congress, as well as work towards a liaison system with IUSG and our other campus governments such as the Kelley Student Government, the Hamilton Lugar Student Government, the Luddy School Student Government, the School of Public Health Student Government, and the Graduate & Professional Student Government.

b.) Finally, we will host tabling sessions outside the student government office, inviting *all* students to ask questions about our administration and future goals. This time will be dedicated to gathering feedback, allowing us to develop policies that reflect your input and reflect on our initiatives to meet the needs of every student on campus.

Concluding Remarks

We would like to sincerely thank each of you for taking the time to read our platform. Your engagement is the cornerstone of a stronger student government and better IU.

Our platform is a living document, continually evolving as we engage with campus leaders, students, and faculty. We invite you to revisit it regularly to see updates and share your feedback, as your voice is critical in shaping the future of Indiana University.

Now is the time to reimagine and rebuild our student government to truly meet the needs of *every* student on campus. This March, we hope to earn your vote, your trust, and your partnership during the IUSG election. Hoosiers, we look forward to working for you and alongside *all* of you this semester. ACTION starts here, with *all* of you!

The ACTION Ticket

Zachary Goldberg – President

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Zachary Goldberg". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "Z" and a long, horizontal flourish at the end.

Ava Smith – Vice President