

# PURDUE STUDENT GOVERNMENTS

## Joint Resolution 14-01

### *“Recommendation of Policy Revisions to Ensure First Amendment Rights”*

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*Whereas*, it is in the best interests and mission of Purdue University to foster an environment in which diverse ideas may be openly, freely, and vigorously debated, and

*Whereas*, any policy that could be interpreted to restrict the freedom to express such beliefs necessarily hinders the ability of the University to create such an environment, and

*Whereas*, the answers to our most pressing societal concerns are best addressed by more speech, not less; by engaging with differing viewpoints, not avoiding them, and

*Noting*, the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE), an expert on First Amendment issues and legal precedent related to education, has identified five Purdue policies which in their current form could lead to abuse and the violation of an individual’s legal right to freedom of speech;

*Therefore*, be it RESOLVED, that the Senates of the Purdue Student Government and Purdue Graduate Student Government, in their combined capacity to represent the entire student body of Purdue University, strongly urge the University to revise its policies as outlined in the attached memorandum in order to protect and ensure the students’ and faculty’s moral and legal right to freedom of speech guaranteed under the United States Constitution.

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