
FW: Update on Student Encampment

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From: IU Indianapolis Chancellor Latha Ramchand <chancldr@e.iu.edu>**Sent:** Thursday, May 2, 2024 3:59 PM**To:** [Redacted]**Subject:** Update on Student Encampment

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Office of the Chancellor

Dear Colleagues,

To keep you informed of events on campus, I want to share an update on the student encampment. Students set up about 15 tents in Democracy Plaza on Saturday, and that number has grown to 23. The students occupying the area have been peaceful and have been reading, playing cards, listening to music, talking, and even studying for finals. During

this time, staff members from Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Eric Weldy's office have engaged with the students at least once every day.

A task force comprised of faculty from IFC, staff, and student organization leaders has been created and will meet next week to discuss recommendations for encampment policies for our campus that we can share with President Whitten. It's important to note that these recommendations will need approval from the IU Board of Trustees to become policy. Our goal is to work with all groups including students, staff, faculty, and our trustees so we can put in place a system that respects freedom of expression while also ensuring the safety of those on our campus.

In reading about the protests at universities nationwide, it is hard to ignore the outside influence on student groups that is resulting in violence on many of those campuses. We hope we can avoid such incidents and help our students appreciate that their safety will always be our top priority. Times such as this call for all of us to engage in respectful dialogue as one university where faculty, staff, and students work together to address our challenges.

Thank you for all you do for our university.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Latha Ramchand".

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