PETITION IN SUPPORT OF INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE STUDENTS

We, the undersigned, recognize that the University of Iowa (UI) publicly acknowledges a commitment to being a leading research institution as well as a commitment to the promotion of cultural diversity. However, we believe the application of current policies regarding the acquisition of English as a second language calls into question the sincerity of these commitments.

Our contentions are as follows:

- In recent years, the CLAS has slashed funding to the ESL/TAPE programs indicating a waning commitment to the advancement of international graduate assistants.
- The $300 fee which international graduate assistants must now pay in order to access training that the UI is obligated to provide constitutes an unreasonable condition of employment.
- The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) policy which allows departments to reduce graduate assistant's appointment from 50% to 25% despite the availability of graduate assistant work which does not require English fluency constitutes, at best, a poor allocation of resources and at worst, an act of discrimination.
- In addition to being unjustifiably stringent, the aforementioned college-wide policy is not applied uniformly across departments resulting in disparities of employment options within the CLAS.

In the interests of academic excellence, cultural diversity and general ideas of fairness, we, the undersigned, demand that the University of Iowa cease the above practices.

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