

I am a black 1994 graduate from the school of liberal Arts and upon returning to IUPUI to utilize research, library services and just general campus activities; I have been mistreated and disrespected by both white IUPUI police and library staff. They all contend that since I've graduated I have no right to be on campus nor to be able to utilize any other facility other than the library. How about if I want to visit one of the many professors and /or instructor who taught me during my learning stages? I'm I not to communicate with them. At times one my need to obtain letters of references and/or simply to be in the learning atmosphere for continued support.

Kenneth France

Hi,

My name is Arlene and I am a senior at IUPUI. I would like to join the Black Student Union and become more involved, especially with the issue of helping diversify the IUPUI campus more, create a Cultural Student for myself and other black students to come together on campus to hang out, socialize, discuss common problems or issues on campus; i.e. the folklore class that I took and felt was degrading to blacks in the class because of some of the films the professor made us watch and racist poems that we had to read as part of the course. I didn't think her books chosen for the course was sensitive or necessary to teach the subject matter and make her point regarding historical folklores and their roots!! I was so angered by the material that I stopped asking questions in class, doing assignments and etc.. which led to a low grade from the course, I wanted to drop the class. One of the folklore classes I did drop because of the content of the literature covered.

I had a Organizational and Leadership Supervision Instructor once say that She didn't believe in diversity and that It could some time have a negative effect in the workforce, then She proceeded to give an example of her experience of a Black Man getting a Managerial Position at Eli Lilly over her even though his credentials and education was less than Hers!!, which She believed can sometime have a negative impact on business. I contacted Professor Clifford Goodwin, the OLS Dept. Chairman and told him about my Instructors comments and asked him if he was aware of her position on diversity and about how her comments really offended me.

Anyway, that is just some of my prejudice experiences at IUPUI. I would love to become more involved and vocal in letting the staff at IUPUI know that Black Students at IUPUI are often discriminated against at IUPUI, felt as if they are alone and alienated by as minority on campuses, and unaware such as myself regarding who to voice complaints to regarding inappropriate behavior or comments by staff, and as if the faculty at IUPUI doesn't really care about us/me as a student.

Sincerely yours,
Arlene