

**The 2002 Mission statement of the School of Education Committee on Diversity: Diversity embraces a wide range of differences including race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, national origin, social class, religion, and abilities.**

During the annual School of Education faculty retreat, a group of faculty requested that the Committee forward a strong statement to the Policy Council, affirming the School of Education's position regarding the sexual orientation of teachers. Therefore, the Committee requests that the Policy Council endorse the following statement.

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**The Indiana University School of Education supports and affirms those who represent diverse sexual orientations and values them both as human beings and as contributors to the field of Education. Quality teaching is not dependent on sexual orientation, gender, race, ethnicity, religion, or nationality. Thus, we affirm the value to all students of well trained committed teachers, regardless of their sexual orientation.**

**If we do not stand for each other we stand for no one.**