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Vice Provost Docherty, Superintendent Hunter, Deputy Superintendent Bennett, and Dean of Students Riester,

This is to inform you that Protect IU and the University Alliance for Racial Justice are planning a spontaneous gathering at Sample Gates this evening from 10:45-11:15 pm. You may be wondering how a pre-planned meeting could qualify as spontaneous. In fact, pre-meditation is included in only one possible definition of spontaneous. The first definition of the term found in Merriam-Webster's dictionary is:

“proceeding from natural feeling or native tendency without external constraint.”

Clearly those who have participated in the Sunday night vigil have, like most Americans, a strong natural feeling/native tendency to resist unfair policies and the arbitrary enforcement of those policies, and a deep desire to be free of unjust external constraints.

Its also important to note that we do not consider this gathering to be a protest. Rather, since the vigil has officially ended, this is an organizational meeting to plan further expressive activity in support of the constitutionally protected right of faculty, staff, and students to question constitutionally dubious policies.

While we certainly welcome you or your designees at this meeting, we do not expect that there will be identification and enforcement since, being a spontaneous non-protest, the activity will not be in violation of the newly amended UA 10.

Thank you.

Best,

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Professor Emeritus