CAMPUS POLICY ON STUDENT FIELD EXPERIENCES DURING STRIKES

RESOLVED:

The University shall maintain a position of neutrality in any strike involving school districts or other agencies with which it has contracts for the placement of student teachers, interns, or other students engaged in supervised field work activities. As used further in this statement, "student" is understood to include those engaged in student teaching internships, or other field experiences.

The University has an obligation to protect its students and to provide them with instruction. In the event of a strike, an immediate re-assignment normally will not be initiated. Rather, University supervisors shall assign related duties under the assumption that the strike will be settled within a short period of time. Such duties shall be integral parts of the program and shall constitute assignments as in a University course. If it appears, however, that a student will be deprived of adequate field experience, the student may be reassigned.

The student has the responsibility for notifying his/her University supervisor that a strike has begun, or will begin at a certain time. The student may request re-assignment.
No student/intern/field worker shall assume control of an activity in lieu of a professional staff member during a strike. Should a student accept employment in such a situation, it shall be presumed that the student's field assignment has been terminated.

Students are not to be coerced into crossing picket lines, nor are they to be coerced into joining a strike. Allegations of coercion are to be reported to the student's University supervisor.

Neither University faculty nor agency supervisors shall refer to a student's involvement in a strike action, when evaluating for the purpose of granting credit or when preparing rating sheets.