

Question Time

According to a [report from WANE-15](#), PFW sues more students in small claims court than any other public university in the state; PFW charges as much as 33% interest on defaulted loans (according to the WANE-15 report); the majority of students sued by PFW are low income. By way of comparison, in 2023, PFW filed 340 lawsuits in small claims court and PWL filed one.

Aside from the glaring ethical issues, PFW's debt collection practices are antithetical to who the institution claims to be. This appears to violate institutional DEI policies as it marginalizes a financially disadvantaged group.

- 1.** How is the institution being diverse, inclusive, and equitable when it targets low income students in small claims court?
- 2.** Could the Administration please explain PFW's debt collection practices and corresponding data to provide clarity on this important issue?
- 3.** Higher education is already under scrutiny. How does suing low income students in Northeast Indiana combat shrinking enrollment?
- 4.** How many of the students sued completed a degree program and how many did not? How many sued students retained legal representation? How many sued students received a default judgment in favor of PFW? How many sued students, after being ruled against, had wages garnished? How many sued students transferred to another school? How many sued students dropped out of higher education? What are average judgment amounts?

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