



FAQS FOR THE STUDENT COALITION FOR DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION AT UoFL

What does the coalition do?

The coalition was created by a body of concerned students because of the actions of the Kentucky State Congress in the Spring of 2023 with several state house representatives and state senators attempting to pass [House Bill 9 \(HB 9\)](#) and [Senate Bill 6 \(SB 6\)](#).

[HB 9](#) aimed to bar colleges from supporting DEI programs or officers, prevent class credit from being awarded for courses that promote DEI, prevent colleges from influencing the composition of the student body based on demographics, etc.

[SB 6](#) aimed to prohibit colleges from penalizing any student or employee who refuses to support or endorse certain “discriminatory concepts”, to prohibit colleges from requiring students/employees to enforce a specific ideology or political viewpoint to be eligible for hiring or tenure, allows individuals to sue the institution for damages for violations of said bill.

Although both bills died, across the state of Kentucky, public universities have dissolved their DEI programs, many of the state senators and the state house representatives have alluded to attacking DEI programs again in the incoming legislative sessions. Thus, this coalition was formed to uphold, protect, and expand existing DEI programs and to fight anti-DEI legislation.

How can students get involved in the coalition?

The coalition is made up of member RSOs and individuals where those who are interested are able to join multiple committees and lend their strengths.

If you're interested in joining, please reach out to uoflcoalitionfordei@gmail.com

How does the coalition plan on combating anti-DEI legislation as it appears?

The coalition aims to combat negative rhetoric on DEI by communicating with students to educate the benefits of DEI programs on not only marginalized students but to the overall campus culture. We aim to express student concerns to the administration and to organize the student population in actions to combat anti-DEI legislation.

What exactly is the dynamic between the University of Louisville and the Student Coalition?

The University's current stance, as stated by President Schatzel, is that they will follow any legislation passed by the Kentucky State Congress concerning diversity, equity, and inclusion. The University of Louisville has no involvement in the actions of the Student Coalition for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

Does the coalition work with faculty and staff?

No, the coalition does not work directly with faculty and staff.