The Union of Grinnell Student Dining Workers (UGSDW) has accused the college of breaking federal labor law through two claims made on the Union website and newsletter and on fliers posted on campus.

These claims misrepresent or omit important facts and circumstances. As an educational institution committed to rigorous inquiry and critical evaluation of our own and others' ideas, it is important that we act in concert with our values by providing fair, accurate, and robust information to our campus community. The College is committed to fostering a positive, collaborative relationship with the UGSDW with the goal of working together to negotiate a historic collective bargaining agreement and offers this information to ensure that collective bargaining moves forward as outlined by the Neutrality Agreement signed by the College and the Union last spring, which includes language that respects both free speech and the principle of mutual respect.

UGSDW Charge 1: "Grinnell College has refused to provide UGSDW with a list of student workers by workplace. Every union is guaranteed this information under the National Labor Relations Act of 1935. The College wants to make it as hard as possible for us to represent every student worker!"

The College is committed to working with the Union to provide student employment information in a manner that is consistent with the law. In this case, there are two different areas of the law that apply to the release of information: the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), which requires the College to protect student privacy, and the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA), which requires sharing information that is protected by FERPA. The intersection of FERPA and the NLRA – and which set of laws governs this request – is an area that is still unclear.

## Here are the facts:

Grinnell College is obligated to consider both areas of the law (FERPA and NLRA) in its work with the Union.

FERPA regulations protect student's private information including employment records. Students have the right to approve or deny the release of their private information for use in collective bargaining.

The College has already provided UoBF2 12n82Sml(r)-(k)-2(in)(g)-(h(ar)-(g)-(ain)(5n)(50)(6)-6)(blec)(T)-1(h)

- 1. The rapid deployment of an online FERPA waiver that, once signed by students wishing to share their private information, would enable immediate release of individual students' employment data to UGSDW.
- 2. A campus-wide initiative to engage students, SGA, faculty, staff and experts in the area of Title IX, Title IV and FERPA to discuss adding place and position of