

MEMORANDUM

TO: Fort Wayne Senate

FROM: Kathy Pollock, Chair
Executive Committee

DATE: November 28, 2016

SUBJ: Athletics Working Group

WHEREAS, The level of institutional financial investment in Intercollegiate Athletics has been a subject of discussion and debate at IPFW for several years; and

WHEREAS, 65% of all Student Activity Fee revenue is currently allocated to Intercollegiate Athletics, and Action Plan 41 calls for 4.4% of all future General Fund revenues to be allocated to Intercollegiate Athletics; and

WHEREAS, The annual direct institutional subsidy for Intercollegiate Athletics is approximately \$7 million; and

WHEREAS, In recommendation 2.11 of its year two report, the University Strategic Alignment Process (USAP) Task Force recommended that IPFW “Determine the campus community’s acceptable level of investment in Athletics”; and

WHEREAS, An Athletics Working Group has been proposed by the Senate faculty leaders and the central administration that will be composed of four faculty senators, four students, and four staff members; and

WHEREAS, This Athletics Working Group, developed in partnership between Senate faculty leadership and the central administration, represents an important model of shared governance that respects the processes of the Senate as well as the valuable input of the constituencies most directly concerned with both Athletics and the utilization of the university budget; and

WHEREAS, The Athletics Working Group will be charged with making recommendations that will help to determine the future role of Intercollegiate Athletics at IPFW as well as the acceptable level of institutional investment in Intercollegiate Athletics; and

WHEREAS, If approved, the Athletics Working Group should be formed by the end of the Fall 2016 semester so that it can complete its work in the Spring 2017 semester; and

WHEREAS, The Senate Executive Committee has solicited nominations for faculty senator participation in the Athletics Working Group in the event that the Senate approves the formation of the Working Group;

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate approves the formation of the Athletics Working Group;
and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate Executive Committee will appoint the faculty senator members to the Athletics Working Group based on the nominations received; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate will evaluate the final recommendations of the Athletics Working Group.