TO:     Fort Wayne Senate

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SUBJ:   Faculty Senate Subcommittee Review of Learning Management Systems

WHEREAS, Learning Management Systems (LMS), e.g. Blackboard Learn, are integral to faculty teaching and to how students experience the Purdue University Fort Wayne curriculum; and

WHEREAS, Shared Governance (SD 16-26) stipulates that the Faculty Senate and relevant Senate Subcommittees will have a voice on matters concerning teaching, the curriculum and student learning; and

WHEREAS, the Academic Computing and Information Technology Advisory Subcommittee (ACITAS) is a PFW Faculty Subcommittee that has issued advisory reports on Learning Management Systems in the past; and

WHEREAS, a Purdue University system-wide LMS Executive Steering Committee will make a decision on a new LMS in summer 2019; and

WHEREAS, all Purdue campuses will choose to adopt the LMS selected by the Purdue University system-wide Steering Committee or choose a different LMS since the existing LMS platform will no longer be supported by Blackboard; and

WHEREAS, the Purdue Fort Wayne LMS Academic Team, which has collected PFW campus input on a new LMS to-date, reports to the Purdue University system-wide LMS Academic Team, which reports to the Purdue University LMS Executive Steering Committee, and is not accountable to the PFW Faculty Senate; and

WHEREAS, the initial LMS review process had not yet provided a mechanism for the PFW campus to: 1) pilot LMS platforms for additional faculty feedback, or 2) plan a timeline of next steps if the PFW campus selects an LMS implementation distinct from a Purdue system-wide decision;

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Academic Computing and Information Technology Advisory Subcommittee (ACITAS) be charged with compiling existing and any new campus feedback on an LMS to replace Blackboard Learn in order to issue a report and recommendation/s to the Faculty Senate by a date of April 15th, 2019 for the Senate's consideration and vote; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Faculty Senate will forward its recommendation to the Purdue Fort Wayne LMS Academic Team for distribution to the Purdue University LMS Academic Team.