

MEMORANDUM OF RESOLUTION

TO: Fort Wayne Senate

FROM: A. Marshall
Executive Committee

DATE: December 6, 2021

SUBJ: Senate Ad-hoc Committee on Community Engagement

WHEREAS, a number of faculty on the PFW campus, including professors, lecturers, and clinical faculty, have focused on community engagement endeavors as central to their research and/or teaching; and

WHEREAS, questions have been raised about what policies PFW should enact to make clear that these community engagement endeavors are adequately rewarded for purposes of promotion and tenure; and

WHEREAS, faculty and student engagement with local, national, and international organizations and the public at-large can positively impact student retention, student social mobility, health and well-being, environmental sustainability, and related goals ([2020 PFW Strategic Plan](#)); and

WHEREAS, Section 5.4.1. of the Bylaws empowers the Senate to create an ad-hoc committee when it believes that a specially constituted group is necessary to accomplish a particular task;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, a Senate Ad-hoc Committee on Student Engagement be created; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this Committee have seven voting members that constitute a representative from each PFW College, namely the Doermer School of Business, Liberal Arts, Sciences, Engineering, Technology and Computer Science, Visual and Performing Arts, School of Education, and Helmke Library; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, each College will submit a name of a person to serve on this Ad Hoc Committee to the Executive Committee by a date of February 18th, 2022, if they have not already done so; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, at its first meeting, the Committee shall elect a Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee from one of its voting members; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this Committee be tasked with gathering input from faculty, especially those involved in community engaged teaching, research, and service, on how the university should best document, track, measure the impact of, and/or reward such

engagement activities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this Committee include in its efforts a consideration that PFW may intend to undertake efforts to reestablish its Carnegie Community Engagement classification; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, since “Ad hoc committees cannot be carried over to a new academic year without special authorization by the Senate” (Senate Bylaws 5.4.3), that, with this resolution, that the Senate authorizes this Ad-hoc Committee’s to, first, begin its work from February of 2022 through April of 2022, and then to reconvene this work in fall of 2022, with a deadline of submitting a preliminary report to both the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and to the Faculty Affairs Committee by October 1, 2022.