

MEMORANDUM

TO: Fort Wayne Senate

FROM: Steven Hanke, Chair of the Educational Policy Committee

DATE: 03/21/2022

SUBJ: Change to PFW Academic Regulations Reconciliation Process

WHEREAS, our current policies are still a mix of IU and PU policies;

WHEREAS, we are now part of the Purdue system;

WHEREAS, that the EPC believes it is necessary to conduct a thorough and systematic review of all academic regulations;

WHEREAS, that the EPC has initiated this reconciliation work and has found the workload to be beyond that which can be expected of a standing committee within the academic year;

WHEREAS, that the EPC believes the best chance of completing this work is for a Summer Academic Regulations Reconciliation Taskforce (hereinafter Summer Taskforce) to be formed;

WHEREAS, the Summer Taskforce should be large enough to perform the needed work but small enough to operate efficiently, there should be six faculty serving as voting members and non-voting representatives from the OAA and Registrar's Office that contribute to discussions of regulations that relate to their areas of expertise;

WHEREAS, that the Summer Taskforce members should receive stipends of \$3,000 from the OAA if they are non-12-month employees to provide an incentive to complete this important work in time for Senate to approve a final version of the Academic Regulations by November 1, 2022 and hence allowing for the changes to appear in 2023-2024 Catalog;

WHEREAS, that members of the EPC should be given first right to joining the taskforce if they chose, however, multiple members of the EPC have already indicated they will not seek to be on the Summer Taskforce;

WHEREAS, elections will need to be held by Senate prior to the Friday April 29, 2022 (the Friday before Finals) to populate the remaining positions on the Taskforce;

WHEREAS, the EPC will share all of the work it has completed thus far on the reconciliation process to assist the Summer Taskforce;

WHEREAS, there is a chance that there may not six faculty willing to serve on the Summer Taskforce, the backup plan should then be that the intended charge of the Summer Taskforce would be given to a Fall 2022-Spring 2023 Taskforce that would be populated in the same manner as was intended for the Summer Taskforce except for there would be *no stipend*. The logic being that the \$3,000 stipend is an incentive to complete the work in time to allow for corresponding changes in the 2023-2024 Catalog;

WHEREAS, the Summer Taskforce's ability to complete their work will be greatly enhanced if the Senate pre-emptively endorses the reformatting of the Academic Regulations to align with the structure/format of the PWL Academic Regulations and the changing of any minor wording differences (e.g., change Tippecanoe County to Allen County) between the two sets of regulations; and

WHEREAS, if Senate approves for an alignment in the format with PWL and minor wording changes, the Summer Taskforce could then focus on identifying actual policy differences between the PFW and PWL regulations and create recommendations about either matching PWL, retaining the current PFW policy or creating a new version of the policy. The Summer Taskforce can also focus on what to recommend regarding the large number of items that are currently in the PFW Academic Regulations but not within the PWL Academic Regulations. For example, Academic Honesty is in the PWL's Student Regulations, not in the PWL Academic Regulations.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Senate approve the creation of an eight-member Summer Taskforce with six voting faculty members, one non-voting member representing the Office of Academic Affairs and non-voting representatives from the Registrar's Office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that EPC members have first right to participate on the Summer Taskforce and the remaining voting faculty member positions be filled based on an election by Senate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the OAA fund \$3,000 stipends for non-12-month contract employees on the Summer Taskforce; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Senate approve the adoption of the format/structure of the PWL Academic Regulations and empower the Summer Taskforce to make any minor wording changes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Summer Taskforce provide a set of recommendations to Senate by September 1, 2022 regarding how to handle policy differences between the PFW and PWL Academic Regulations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if there are not six faculty willing to serve on the Summer Taskforce, then the intended charge of the Summer Taskforce would be given to a Fall 2022-Spring 2022 Taskforce that would be populated in the same manner as was intended for the Summer Taskforce.