

MEMORANDUM

TO: Fort Wayne Senate

FROM: Steven A. Hanke, Chair of the Educational Policy Committee

DATE: September 19, 2022

SUBJECT: Amending the Civics Literacy Proficiency requirements to clarify “passing”

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WHEREAS, SD 21-28 describes the Civics Literacy Proficiency requirements for students beginning at PFW in Fall 2022 or later; and

WHEREAS, SD 21-28 describes the Approved Course Pathway as:

Part Two 3.1: Students choosing this path will have to pass one of the approved courses.; and

WHEREAS, the term “pass” can be interpreted multiple ways such as a D- to count toward elective credits for graduation or a C- to count as a General Education course, as well as other program specific definitions; and

WHEREAS, a grade of C- is used as the minimum grade to meet all other university-wide degree requirements (i.e., General Education courses); and

WHEREAS, if a D- is used as the minimum grade to meet the Approved Course Pathway requirement and a student takes a course to meet both a General Education requirement and the Civics Literacy Proficiency requirement, there might be confusion surrounding a D- counting for one requirement but not the other; and

WHEREAS, if a D- is used as the minimum grade to meet this requirement, the Approved Course Pathway might be viewed by students and instructors teaching those classes as less important than other degree requirements; and

WHEREAS, The Civics Literacy Proficiency Subcommittee’s unanimously approved this resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate amend SD 21-28 to clarify what constitutes a passing grade by changing the wording to:

Part Two - 3.1 Students choosing this path will have to pass one of the approved courses with a grade of C- or higher.