<u>MEMORANDUM</u>

TO: Fort Wayne Senate

FROM: Steven Hanke, Chair of the Educational Policy Committee

DATE: 3/11/2024

SUBJ: Change to Academic Regulations 10.4: Graduation with Distinction

WHEREAS, the current academic regulation 10.4 articulates criteria for graduating with distinction; and

WHEREAS, the Commission for Higher Education has created 18 Transfer Single Articulation Pathways (TSAP) in specific content areas; and

WHEREAS, PFW has created numerous other articulation agreements with local, state, regional, and national 2-year institutions; and

WHEREAS, the current policy denies the vast majority of students who transfer with an associate degree completed, which is a requirement of all of previously mentioned articulation agreements, from graduating with distinction;

BE IT RESOLVED, that PFW Academic Regulations 10.4 Graduation with Distinction be updated to set the minimum number of credits completed at 60 (see next page).

10.4: Graduation with Distinction. A candidate for the bachelor's degree with distinction must have a minimum of ~~65~~ 60 resident credits included in the computation of the cumulative GPA. A candidate for an associate degree with distinction must have a minimum of 35 resident credits included in the computation of the cumulative GPA. The required GPA, calculated each spring as outlined below, shall also apply to degrees for the following summer sessions and fall semester.

10.4.1: In each college, school or division, the minimum cumulative GPA for graduation with distinction from an associate or bachelor's- degree program shall be 3.80-3.94.

10.4.2: In each college, school or division, the minimum cumulative GPA for graduation with highest distinction from an associate or bachelor's-degree program shall be 3.95-4.00.

10.4.3: In each school or division, the requirements for graduation with distinction or with highest distinction from an associate-degree program shall be separately calculated as outlined above for bachelor's-degree programs.