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To: The Fort Wayne Senate

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Subj: Chancellor's Response to 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 Administrative
Compliance Reports

Please see below for the Chancellor's Response to the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022
Administrative Compliance Reports.

**Chancellor's Response to
2020-2021 Administrative Compliance Report**

SD # Link	Senate Document Title	Approval Date
<u>SD 20-1:</u>	Resolution on Publicizing COVID-19 Statistics for Purdue University Fort Wayne <ul style="list-style-type: none">- BE IT RESOLVED that the Fort Wayne Senate commends the University for disseminating health statistics through its COVID-19 Dashboard; and,- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fort Wayne Senate requests for the University administration, the PFW Prepared Team, and the Purdue University Board of Trustees to take the following additional actions:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coordinate with state and local health agencies to arrange for a neutral third party as an additional self-reporting option that can ensure confidentiality and anonymity for those who do not wish to self-report to the University; and that can allow faculty, staff, and others who may have visited campus to self-report cases of infections without reporting directly to the University;• Work with state and local officials to ensure that the online platform continues to report only aggregated and anonymous infection rates among faculty, students, staff, and others on campus in a manner that does not disclose any personally identifiable information for any one individual;• Continue to update this platform at least weekly as the results of each self-reported test and tests of symptomatic individuals become available;• Provide specific information about contact tracing operations at the University and within the Purdue System, including but not limited to the number of contact tracers dedicated to tracing each occurrence on campus; what specifically will be deemed to constitute “exposure” to the virus and how that information will be systematically collected; and the methods that will be used to notify members of the campus community of possible COVID exposure;• Establish and disseminate to all members of the campus community a clear designation of the multiple factors that the University will use to determine actions as each campus, including the Fort Wayne campus, reaches different thresholds of COVID-19 community spread, both across the University generally and within specific classes, housing units, student groups, or other constituencies of the campus. The University will publicize this information, in addition to its COVID-19 Dashboard, in multiple easy-to-find venues, including press releases, social media platforms, and email.	9/14/2020

Administrative Response and Actions:

Purdue Fort Wayne maintained a public-facing COVID-19 data dashboard from August 2020 through March 2022 based on self-reported information from members of our university community. Neither students nor employees were required to disclose personal medical information to the university, and could not be required to make such disclosures to a neutral third party. Given how thinly stretched state and local public health authorities were in fall 2020, it did not seem reasonable to attempt to set up the third-party dashboard that was proposed in the resolution, especially because there were significant privacy and FERPA

concerns about disclosing employee and student rosters to the neutral third party to be able to verify employment and/or enrollment at the university.

The Allen County Department of Health already collected information on positive cases and, at the point in time when this resolution was adopted, still engaged in fairly rigorous contact tracing. The County also contacted the university when a student reported that they were a resident of Student Housing.

Information on the university's contact tracing program, including how notifications and information sharing worked, was made available through the PFW Prepared and Ready websites within our Student Plan of Action for a positive COVID-19 test. Additional information was provided each semester when we asked instructors to complete classroom seating charts for their in-person and hybrid courses to make contact tracing possible. Finally, information was regularly shared at our weekly PFW Prepared/Ready virtual Q&A sessions.

It was determined that it was not possible to delineate in September 2020 precise metrics and/or other factors that would trigger specific responses from the university. While much still needed to be learned about COVID-19, it was clear at that time that one metric in isolation rarely told a complete story about the impact that COVID was having on campus or the capacity of the campus to respond and adapt as necessary. The university also relied on and regularly responded to updated guidance from Purdue University and local, state, and national public health authorities.

SD 20-5: Temporary Exemption from Procedures of Promotion for Lecturers 10/12/2020
at PFW

- BE IT RESOLVED, that the lecturer promotion process outlined in SD 19-10 be utilized for any Lecturer who moves through the promotion process in academic year 2020-2021.

Administrative Response and Actions:

Academic Affairs allowed Lecturers to go up for promotion under the previous year's guidelines created by the Faculty Affairs Committee; apparently in compliance with the intent of the resolution. We only had one Lecturer in 20-21 (it was a resubmission).

SD 20-10: Guidelines for Keeping Campus Open During the Pandemic 10/26/2020

- BE IT RESOLVED that administration work with the Fort Wayne Senate, including but not limited to the Senate University Resources Policy Committee, to ensure that the health and safety of students, faculty, and staff will be the primary consideration in any decision to keep campus open, as well as any decision concerning campus operations during the pandemic that involve curriculum or the delivery of curriculum; and,

- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that administration work with the Fort Wayne Senate to provide reasonable accommodations for all members of the campus community who have underlying health conditions; and,
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that administration include and adequately weigh the concerns of all affected members of the campus community in decisions about whether to remain open and how best to control any outbreaks; and,
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that administration work with the Fort Wayne Senate, including but not limited to the Senate Educational Policy Committee, to facilitate planning and decision making so that departments and programs can develop their own policies and procedures in advance of Spring 2021 for determining such matters as enrollment caps, instructional modality, communication with students, course cancellations, and other matters specific to delivering departmental and program curricula before the semester begins; and,
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that administration work with the Fort Wayne Senate, including but not limited to the Senate Educational Policy Committee, to facilitate clear and transparent processes so that departments and programs have their own policies and procedures in place for Spring 2021 to determine any changes to curricula, including but not limited to making changes to instructional modality, communication with students, and other matters specific to delivering departmental and program curricula once the semester has begun; and,
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that administration work with the Fort Wayne Senate, including but not limited to the Senate Educational Policy Committee, to ensure basic fairness and consistency across academic departments and programs to implement these policies and procedures fairly, leaving the development and implementation of these policies and procedures to the departments and programs themselves; and,
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that both the administration and the Fort Wayne Senate pledge to work with the Purdue Board of Trustees and all state and local health authorities to close campus in a timely manner if Purdue University Fort Wayne is unable to ensure as the primary consideration the health and safety of all students, faculty, and staff

Administrative Response and Actions:

All employees were required to go through the ADA accommodations process with Human Resources in order to request the ability to work a hybrid or fully remote schedule. If faculty were not approved for remote work, they were allowed to request remote instruction from their departments, and it was at the chair's discretion whether to approve. Students worked with the Disability Access Center to document needs and request accommodations.

Throughout the pandemic, the university repeatedly urged instructors to demonstrate flexibility, empathy, and compassion in determining appropriate accommodations to support students who could not come to campus due to COVID-19 exposures or positive tests, but it was ultimately up to instructors to determine what accommodations, if any, would be provided.

The university relied heavily on the PFW Prepared and Ready Committees to make recommendations on relevant university health and safety protocols. The Committee was

composed of a broad cross-section of university stakeholders, including representatives from each of the shared governance organizations at the university (including multiple members of the Fort Wayne Senate).

Throughout the pandemic, the university conducted several rounds of surveying to gather feedback from students, staff, and faculty on the university's response to COVID-19 and ways that improvements could be made in future semesters. This input and feedback informed immediate responses during the Fall 2020 semester and planning efforts for Spring 2021 and beyond. The university also regularly worked with the Educational Policy Committee, the Faculty Affairs Committee, the University Resources Policy Committee, and others as appropriate to discuss policies, ideas, accommodations, etc., relevant to the remit of those committees. Greg Justice, associate vice chancellor for facilities management, provided regular updates to URPC on the efforts of the PFW Prepared/Ready Committee. Jeff Malanson, university COVID-19 point of contact, provided regular updates to the faculty leaders on the deliberations of the PFW Prepared/Ready Committee as well.

SD 20-19:

Resolution to Discuss AAUP Financial Analysis of Purdue University Fort Wayne

2/8/2021

- BE IT RESOLVED that Senate discuss this analysis and its implications for our campus; and,
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any future requests of Senate to recommend or approve budget cuts resulting in the reduction, merger, or elimination of academic programs and/or units will include additional discussion of this analysis, along with consideration of the latest self-reported institutional data involving budget allocations for both to instruction and administration; and,
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Senate consider making further recommendations concerning “the determination and management of the budget,” consistent with SD 17-7 Constitution of the Faculty of Purdue University Fort Wayne; and,
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any subsequent Senate recommendations concerning “the determination and management of the budget” will go through a formal procedure of consultation with faculty, where the faculty will present its judgment in the form of an independent recommendation or vote, and;
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Senate recommendation will remain separate from any other procedure of informal expression of opinion from the faculty, or participation by individual faculty members appointed to committees outside of Senate governance and structure; and,
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Senate expects its recommendations concerning “the determination and management of the budget” to receive adequate and appropriate weight, including but not limited to receiving a detailed response and explanation where a final determination differs from a Senate recommendation.

Administrative Response and Actions:

The budget process for Purdue University Fort Wayne starts at the department level with the department chairs/heads and their business manager. Once their budget has been completed, Deans/Directors present their overall budget to their respective Vice Chancellors for review.

All of the budgets are then reviewed and discussed by the University's Cabinet, where final responsibility and authority lies. Appropriate reviews and presentations to Faculty Senate leaders and Senate Budget Subcommittees have been a common and usual practice.

SD 20-30:

Resolution to Discuss the 1968 AAUP Statement on the Role of the Faculty in the Accrediting of Colleges of Universities

3/22/2021

- BE IT RESOLVED that Fort Wayne Senate discuss its role, as a governing body accountable to the faculty as a whole, in the accreditation process and in light of the attached AAUP Statement; and,
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Senate create a standing committee to prepare for inclusion in future self-evaluations a description of "faculty status and morale (including working conditions and total compensation)" that, where warranted, reflects "significant differences of opinion in these and other areas;" and,
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Fort Wayne Senate receive on behalf of the entire faculty and prior to submission to the Higher Learning Commission, the completed self-evaluation so that the report is "subject to amendment in the light of faculty suggestions;" and,
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during site visits, "representatives of the faculty, including members of appropriate faculty committees" will have opportunities to meet with any visiting committees "to discuss questions of faculty concern;" and,5
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the entire faculty will have access to the complete report of the visiting committee; and,
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the accreditation process keep the entire faculty fully informed of the HLC's actions following submission of the self-evaluation, including but not limited to "all significant developments and issues arising between the accrediting commission and the institution;" and that faculty, through the governing body of the Senate, participate meaningfully and fully "in any subsequent activities regarding the institution's accreditation."

Administrative Response and Actions:

The Executive Director for Academic Accountability and Student Success in the office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs worked closely with Faculty Senate Executive Committee in support of a Senate Standing Committee on Accreditation. Together, they have recommended roles for the committee and discussed those recommendations throughout the last couple of years. A meeting is being arranged with the Executive Committee to finalize. Our Assurance Review is scheduled for 2024-25 and it would be desirable to have the committee formed by January 2023 to get improved engagement and communication from Senate as we prepare the review.

Also, all accreditation submissions, HLC reviews, and HLC Action Status and Determinations are available to all university members on a website: <https://www.pfw.edu/offices/accreditation/> The most recent Comprehensive Study is available at: <https://www.pfw.edu/offices/accreditation/2020-comprehensive-evaluation/> Our most recent visits, the Change of Control and the Assurance review have all resulted in no recommendations. The mandatory 6 month review following the Change in

Control requested minor additional comments on two sub-criteria and resulted in no recommendations from HLC. Our standing with HLC is excellent and we work closely with them to assure this standing continues.

A draft copy of the report was provided prior to submission to HLC and accepted recommendations. Where appropriate the final document was modified to reflect recommendations.

In the comprehensive visit from HLC, faculty senate representatives were included in all open sessions as well as closed sessions when HLC allowed. There were meetings wherein HLC requested specific audiences for and some of those they did not include faculty senate representation at HLC request.

HLC Assumed Practices and Criterion specify the materials presented in the report. As far as issues of Faculty Morale, etc., HLC (as well as all the major accreditors) does not specifically reference the AAUP statements as they no longer reflect the core purposes of accreditation. However, a faculty session is always part of the site visit in the comprehensive review (typically an open forum) and faculty are free to raise concerns in that session. We have one of the most transparent HLC practices in the Commission and plan to continue on that path. The delay in the formation of the Standing Committee is largely out of administrative control and we welcome their involvement moving forward.

For additional clarity, the only HLC criterion tangentially related to the statement in the Senate Document on faculty morale or compensation are 5.A.1 and 5.A.3. They state:

5.A.1. Shared governance at the institution engages its internal constituencies—including its governing board, administration, faculty, staff and students—through planning, policies and procedures.

5.A.3. The institution's administration ensures that faculty and, when appropriate, staff and students are involved in setting academic requirements, policy and processes through effective collaborative structures.

Our description of shared governance (planning, policies, and procedures) and evidence of meeting the criterion on shared governance as presented to HLC (5.A.1 in the Comprehensive Review) and HLC's review and evaluation of 5.A.1. are provided below.

PFW Information Submitted to HLC:

5.A - Core Component 5.A

Through its administrative structures and collaborative processes, the institution's leadership demonstrates that it is effective and enables the institution to fulfill its mission.

1. Shared governance at the institution engages its internal constituencies—including its governing board, administration, faculty, staff and students—through planning, policies and procedures.
2. The institution's administration uses data to reach informed decisions in the best interests of the institution and its constituents.

3. The institution's administration ensures that faculty and, when appropriate, staff and students are involved in setting academic requirements, policy and processes through effective collaborative structures.

Argument

5.A.1 Shared governance at the institution engages its internal constituencies—including its governing board, administration, faculty, staff and students—through planning, policies and procedures.

The governance structure of Purdue Fort Wayne as an independently accredited public regional university that is part of the Purdue System results in complex blended shared governance model operating on both a system and campus level. In addition, as a public, state educational institution, IPFW is subject to the general policies and budgets enacted by the Indiana General Assembly. By law, PFW is also subject to the policies set by ICHE. ICHE has authority to approve new programs and recommend capital and operating budgets for PFW to the Indiana General Assembly. ICHE's current policies concerning PFW are summarized in the document "[Policy on Purdue Fort Wayne](#)".

Shared Governance at the System Level

While the Purdue Board of Trustees and Purdue's President have ultimate authority and responsibility to manage and operate PFW, the Board of Trustees of Purdue delegates the majority of programmatic and operational responsibilities to the Chancellor as Chief Executive Officer of PFW including:

- Programmatic mission and responsibilities of organizational units
- Budget development and management in accordance with Purdue policy and guidelines and all applicable statutes in collaboration with the treasurer and chief financial officer
- Employment and appointment actions for all staff, other than direct reports, in collaboration with the treasurer and chief financial officer
- All other operational duties related to the management of areas of responsibility not otherwise assigned to another executive office of Purdue by its board of trustees.
- Matters related to intercollegiate athletics with respect to PFW

The delegation by the Board of programmatic and operational responsibilities to PFW's Chancellor creates more institutional autonomy for Purdue Fort Wayne than typical university system structures. This level of autonomy aligns with ICHE's authorization of Purdue Fort Wayne as a regional public university maintaining its own accreditation. From a Human Resources perspective, the Chancellor reports to the President of Purdue and is accountable to the President for demonstrating that his execution of programmatic and operational duties meet the expectations of the Board. As CEO of the Fort Wayne campus, therefore, the university under the leadership of the Chancellor retains day to day operational autonomy. The Board of Trustees has final responsibility and authority for Purdue Fort Wayne. With respect to governance of academic programs, Purdue has given PFW authority to control its undergraduate academic programs but graduate level control is retained at West Lafayette.

The Purdue Board of Trustees actively engage in shared governance informed primarily by the PFW Chancellor in consultation with the President of Purdue. As evidenced by the delegation of responsibilities to the Chancellor as Chief Executive Officer, PFW is afforded a high level of autonomy and responsibility. ICHE policies assure that PFW interests are considered in the state appropriation processes and budget processes and the state apportions appropriations to Purdue Fort Wayne as part of their biennial process. Biennial appropriations are allocated directly to PFW. The Indiana Commission for Higher Education Policy on Purdue Fort Wayne defining the campus mission to operate as the Flagship Metropolitan Campus for the Fort Wayne Metropolitan and surrounding areas in Northeast Indiana and direct participation in the Purdue

Board of Trustees meetings further serves as an additional level of shared governance between PFW and the Indiana General Assembly. As evidenced by Board of Trustees Meeting Agendas, the Purdue Trustees regularly and actively are involved in discussions of PFW and are knowledgeable of the campus. The Chancellor regularly addresses the board in their quarterly meetings and specific agenda items concerning the operations and welfare of Purdue Fort Wayne as well as requests from PFW are included in the formal agenda as evidenced by [2020 Purdue Board Agenda](#).

Shared governance at the system levels extends throughout organizational entities that are part of the campus level shared governance structure. This assures campus interests are considered in policy decisions in light of the policy hierarchy discussed throughout the Criteria and Core Competencies in this argument. Purdue Fort Wayne's organizational units for faculty, administrators, and staff are represented in the equivalent units at the system level including Senate, Administrative and Professional Staff Advisory (APSAC) and the Clerical and Service Staff Advisory Committee (CSSAC).

Purdue Fort Wayne Senate is apportioned membership in the Purdue Senate in the Purdue University [University Senate Bylaws](#). Purdue Fort Wayne's [Senate Bylaws](#) elaborate the qualifications (Bylaw 7.1), term of office and method of election (Bylaw 7.2), and Responsibilities (Bylaw 7.3) including that the Purdue Senator represent PFW faculty on the Intercampus Faculty Council (IFC) in conjunction with a Speaker of the Faculty (7.3.2) and a requirement to report annually to the Fort Wayne Senate on the deliberations and activities of the Purdue University Senate (7.3.3) for the Senator apportioned to the University Senate.

Purdue Fort Wayne APSAC representation in the Management and Professional Staff Advisory Committee (MaPSAC) ensures that interests of professional staff are represented at the system level. [V.B.2 University Policy Office Management and Staff Advisory Committee](#) states the role of the organization in university governance in its purpose statement:

It is Purdue University's policy to solicit and carefully consider suggestions and advice from Management and Professional staffs (M/P) when forming University policies and procedures and in other matters relating to the terms and conditions of staff employment. To this end, the Management and Professional Staff Advisory Committee (MaPSAC) provides members of the Management staff, Professional staff and Operations/Technical staff with a means of participation through suggestion and advice in the formulation or change of policies and procedures affecting conditions of employment. serves as a representative committee of M/P staff.

Subject matter for discussion and action by MaPSAC may originate by any of the following methods:

1. By the University administration via any of its officers or unit heads or by chairpersons of duly appointed University committees;
2. By any individual staff member via a member of the committee; or
3. By placing a written and signed statement of the matter on file with the committee.

CSSAC is represented by a liaison to Purdue's Campus Support Advisory. As described in Purdue Policy [V.B.6 - University Policy Office Campus Support Staff Advisory Committee](#),

This policy provides members of the Administrative and Operational Support staff and Police, Fire and Skilled Trades staff with a means of participation through suggestion and advice in the formulation or change of policies and procedures affecting conditions of employment.

Campus Level Shared Governance

The Fort Wayne Campus has and employs policies and procedures to engage its internal constituencies in institutional governance. The University Senate actively engages faculty through the development and implementation of academic policies consistent with a traditional

operational paradigm of shared governance. The [PFW Constitution of the Senate](#) (Section VI, pg 3-4) enumerates powers and responsibilities for voting members of the Senate. The senate has determinatory powers over:

- The academic calendar
- Policies for class scheduling, and
- Policies for student participation in athletic affairs.

The senate can recommend policies related to:

- Admission and academic placement of students
- Student conduct and discipline
- Student participation in group extracurricular activities
- Administration of the library and other educational support facilities
- Faculty conduct, welfare, privileges, tenure, appointment, retention, and promotion of faculty

Direct involvement in shared governance of the institution rests in the right to engage in decision making on issues including:

- Changes in academic organization
- Determination and management of the budget
- The planning of physical facilities
- Increases and decreases in staff
- The screening and selecting of academic and administrative officers.

Senate Documents and Senate Resolutions provide evidence of Senate Engagement in Shared Governance. Recent examples include:

[Senate Bylaws](#), further define the scope of the senate, its organization, procedures for fair representation across the colleges, establishes specific policy committees, advisory committees, and other advisory and policy making groups as described in the bylaws.

Faculty Senate engages with administration and students through inclusion in multiple committees and subcommittees as described in [Senate Bylaws](#). 2.5.3 of the Bylaws identifies Senate affiliates who participate in Senate Meetings without vote including:

- Faculties which are resident on the Fort Wayne campus but which include no members of the Voting Faculty shall be accorded representation by Senate affiliates. Each such faculty shall select annually one of its number to serve as Senate affiliate.
- The faculty of Indiana University Fort Wayne shall be accorded one Senate affiliate.
- Students shall be accorded representation by an affiliate who shall be the President of the Student Government or that person's designee
- The Administrative and Professional Staff Advisory Committee (APSAC) shall be accorded representation by an affiliate who shall be the President of APSAC or that person's designee

The Administrative and Professional Staff Advisory Council defines their purposes in their Constitution ([APSAC Constitution 2016](#)). ASPAC states its specific roles related to shared governance as statements of purpose:

- Serve as a formal communications link with the Chancellor to effectively present administrative staff views, positions and interests.
- Serve as a consultative body for the Chancellor on matters of policy affecting the operation of the campus.
- Serve as formal means of communication among administrators of the Fort Wayne campus.
- Serve as an advocate for APSAC members and their families, raising funds when appropriate.

- The Clerical and Service Staff Advisory Committee (CSSAC) shall be accorded representation by an affiliate who shall be the Chair of CSSAC or that person's designee. CSSAC provide avenues for active representative participation in the governance process. Student Government formulates policies governing the activities and welfare of the student body and serves in an advisory capacity for university administration and faculty. The Purdue University Board actively engages internal constituents through regular inclusion in agenda items and periodic meetings on the Fort Wayne Campus as described in the Criterion 2 discussion and as evidenced by the agenda item related to a consideration of the institution's proposal to revise the mission and associated statements as well as a new strategic plan developed independently on the Purdue University Fort Wayne Campus in the [Purdue Trustees Stated Meeting Agenda June 11 2020](#) and the approval of the plan without modification in [PFW Mission and Strategic Plan Board Approval](#).

The Student Government Association participates in shared governance through multiple activities. Student Senate is the Student Government branch responsible for advocating for students' rights and interests, allocating funding to student organizations for events and programs, chartering new student organizations, confirming presidential nominations, and more.

5.A.2 The institution's administration uses data to reach informed decisions in the best interests of the institution and its constituents.

The institution's administration uses data for institutional decision making. The majority of data is obtained through the Office of Institutional Research (OIR) to assure data integrity as well as ensuring that data and analysis used for decision making are consistent, accurate, and reliable. OIR maintains and provides data supporting Purdue Fort Wayne's compliance-reporting, accreditation, decision-making, and strategic planning processes. As a part of the Office Academic Affairs, the OIR provides maintains census data resources that support annual department reports, comprehensive program review, and tracking of program viability metrics. In support of the University's enrollment management objectives, the OIR maintains a series of dashboards that track daily enrollment and credit hour production. In support of overall University budgeting and revenue forecasting, the OIR maintains enrollment and tuition revenue projection models.

OIR annually prepares a template for Departments to use in their annual review of departmental performance. As evidenced by reports included in the ([CollegeAnnualReportsAY18-19](#)) file, the reports include five years of census data that are used as metrics to evaluate departmental viability. This information is reviewed by the Deans to produce reports that are reviewed by the Executive Director of Academic Accountability and the VCAA. By tracking viability metrics, the VCAA and Dean can make recommendations to the departments to improve performance. In addition, targets for the metrics drive departmental actions to demonstrate how they are making progress relative to the metrics.

OIR maintains The Statistical Profile to provide institutional users access to valid and reliable data necessary to support decisions. The Statistical Profile is organized in three main categories: Student Information, Faculty Information, and Financial Information. The Office of Institutional Research maintains the first two sections (Students / Faculty) via interactive dashboards. These dashboards allow for consumers to slice, or filter, the data into specific views to better respond to data requests or inquires. Currently there are 12 interactive dashboards maintained by the Office of Institutional Research. Additional dashboards are being developed based on university need. Student Information Dashboards commonly used in enrollment management decisions and more recently as part of strategic planning priorities in "diversity, equity, and inclusion" and in "student success and retention" include:

[Student Enrollment UG and G by FTPT](#)

[Student Enrollment UG by FTPT.pdf](#)

[Student Enrollment by Race Ethnicity.pdf](#)

These three reports from the Statistical Profile illustrate the utility of the dashboards in planning. Each of these reports were filtered to exclude students enrolled in dual credit courses. While each of these reports were selected by headcount, the same three reports can be selected based on FTE providing a different perspective on enrollment.

OIR provides update information to Enrollment Management daily during recruiting cycles to help monitor projected enrollment for upcoming semesters through the [Purdue Fort Wayne Daily Enrollment Tracking](#) dashboard. Other information that is used regularly for decision making includes:

In addition to data provided by OIR, data gathered from surveys, assessments, and other qualitative studies are routinely used. Often OIR data is used in conjunction with other sources of data to inform university decisions. As an example, Purdue Fort Wayne has increased its focus on first year success. The impetus for this focus is a need to increase student retention and graduation as evidenced in OIR's [Retention 4yr and 6yr graduation](#) dashboard analysis. The report identified that while graduation rates were increasing, first fall to second fall retention was decreasing over the last several cohorts from a high of 68.4% in the 2013 cohort to 54.6% in the Fall 2017 cohort. In response to the data an emphasis was put on the first year and in 2017 new first year programming was designed for the Fall 2018 Cohort. The Student Success and Transitions Unit conducted surveys of first year students as reported in [Pilot CIRP and FYSS Narrative Summary 17 and 18](#) and [FYSS 2019 Results](#). The evaluation of the various efforts to improve first year success was documented in the Student Affairs Annual Report Section on First Year Programming ([FY Programming SA Annual Report 19 to 20](#)). In addition, the information informed changes in Financial Aid Policy that formed the basis for reconfiguring aid distribution to first year students. As a result of these multiple efforts guided by data analysis, Fall to Fall retention rose to 57% in Fall 2018 and in Fall 2020, as reported earlier and after adjusting for students who would have been academically dismissed but were allowed to re-enroll due to COVID the equivalent retention rate for the Fall 2019 Cohort rose to over 60%.

5.A.3 The institution's administration ensures that faculty and, when appropriate, staff and students are involved in setting academic requirements, policy and processes through effective collaborative structures.

ICHE states the educational policy for Purdue Fort Wayne as follows in their Policy on Purdue Fort Wayne in their definition of the university profile and educational responsibility for the institution.

1. Profile: Purdue University Fort Wayne serves a diverse student body including both recent high school graduates and adults, many of whom are first generation students, low income students, or other students balancing their education with work and family obligations. Purdue University Fort Wayne should offer courses through a variety of flexible delivery models and scheduling options which are designed to accommodate the unique needs of their students. The goal should be to enable as many students as possible, including those with work and family obligations, to complete a full-time course load and graduate on-time. Effective partnerships between high schools and Purdue University Fort Wayne can improve both completion and on- time graduation by increasing the number of students who enter college with credits earned in high school through dual credit, concurrent enrollment or Advanced Placement.
2. Educational Responsibility: The primary educational responsibility of Purdue University Fort Wayne is baccalaureate degree programs as well as an array of master's degrees and professional doctoral degrees that are offered in disciplines needed in the metropolitan

area. Professional practice doctoral programs are offered collaboratively with a doctoral intensive research campus already authorized to offer such a program. Purdue University Fort Wayne facilitates seamless transfer to and from other institutions through the Core Transfer Library, the Statewide Transfer General Education Core and the Single Articulation Pathways.

These framing statements both define and in some cases constrain the setting of academic requirements, policies and processes. In addition, as discussed throughout the argument, the Policy Hierarchy of the Purdue System affects how academic requirements, policies, and processes are established for the university.

The Purdue Fort Wayne [Senate Bylaws](#). (5.3.2.1) established the Educational Policy Committee and charged it with setting academic requirements as well as developing policies and processes for academic processes as described by their policy.

5.3.3.2.1. The Educational Policy Committee shall be concerned with, but is not limited to, the improvement of instruction, grades and grading, scholastic probation, dismissal for academic reasons and reinstatement, standards for admission, academic placement, the academic calendar, policies for scheduling classes, library and other learning-resource policies, honors programs, general education policies, general research policies, military training programs, general curriculum standards, coordination of Fort Wayne curricula with those of West Lafayette, general academic organization, interdepartmental and inter-institutional research and education programs, and continuing education programs.

To assure collaboration necessary for effective and responsible decision making the membership of the committee is specified in the policy in 5.3.3.1.

The Educational Policy Committee shall consist of the Chief Academic Officer, who may send, when unable to attend committee meetings, a designee to serve as a nonvoting member, the Registrar (nonvoting), and six Senators and Voting Faculty elected by the Senate in such manner that at least four of the Major Units shall be represented.

Students and other members of the university, consistent with their roles in administering the application of academic regulations, policies and procedures are members of specific subcommittees of the EPC including:

- **Honors Program Council - 5.3.3.2.3.2.1.2.** Two members of the Honors Faculty, appointed by the Chief Academic Officer of PFW to staggered three-year terms.
5.3.3.2.3.2.1.3. Two student members appointed by the Student Government, at least one of whom shall have successfully completed, or be enrolled in, at least one honors course, to one-year terms. Student members shall participate and vote in all matters before the Council except questions of student admission, scholarships, retention, and satisfaction of program requirements
- **International Education Advisory Subcommittee - 5.3.3.2.3.3.1.** Membership: The International Education Advisory Subcommittee shall consist of the director of the program, one student at or beyond the second-year level in International Education selected annually by Student Government upon the recommendation of the chief officer of the International Students Association or successor organization, a staff member in either the Center for Academic Support and Achievement or Student Success and Transition selected annually by the Chief Student Affairs Officer, and five Voting Faculty members or continuing lecturers elected by the Senate.
- **Curriculum Review Subcommittee - 5.3.3.2.3.4.1.3.** The Presiding Officer of the Senate shall request the Student Government to select two nonvoting student representatives. Student representatives shall serve for one year, with the term to commence one week before the beginning of regular fall classes

- **Graduate Subcommittee - 5.3.3.2.3.5.1.4.** Two graduate students elected annually by the other members of the Subcommittee from among nominations submitted by departments or other units responsible for graduate degree programs.
- **General Education Subcommittee - 5.3.3.2.3.7.1.** Membership: The General Education Subcommittee shall consist of the Chief Academic Officer or a designee and seven members of the Voting Faculty or continuing lecturers elected by the Senate in such manner that at least four of the Major Units shall be represented.

Sources

- 2016 Agreement and Plan of Realignment Final
- 2020 Purdue Board Agenda
- APSAC Constitution 2016
- CollegeAnnualReportsAY18-19
- FY Programming SA Annual Report 19 to 20
- FYSS 2019 Results
- LSA Report
- OIR 5 Year Enrollment Projections at Realignment
- PFW Constitution of the Senate
- PFW Mission and Strategic Plan Board Approval
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- PolicyonPurdueFortWayne
- Purdue Fort Wayne Daily Enrollment Tracking
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- Retention 4yr and 6yr graduation
- Senate Bylaws.
- Student Enrollment UG and G by FTPT.pdf
- Student Enrollment UG by FTPT.pdf
- University Senate Bylaws
- V.B.2 University Policy Office Management and Staff Advisory Committee
- V.B.6 - University Policy Office Campus Support Staff Advisory Committee

HLC Response:

5 - Institutional Effectiveness, Resources and Planning

The institution's resources, structures, processes and planning are sufficient to fulfill its mission, improve the quality of its educational offerings, and respond to future challenges and opportunities.

5.A - Core Component 5.A

Through its administrative structures and collaborative processes, the institution's leadership demonstrates that it is effective and enables the institution to fulfill its mission.

1. Shared governance at the institution engages its internal constituencies—including its governing board, administration, faculty, staff and students—through planning, policies and procedures.
2. The institution’s administration uses data to reach informed decisions in the best interests of the institution and its constituents.
3. The institution’s administration ensures that faculty and, when appropriate, staff and students are involved in setting academic requirements, policy and processes through effective collaborative structures.

Rating

Met

Rationale

Through its administrative structures and collaborative processes, the institution’s leadership demonstrates that it is effective and enables the institution to fulfill its mission.

Purdue University Fort Wayne (PFW) is an independently accredited institution in Indiana that is part of the Purdue University System (System). It operates on a blended shared governance model encompassing the campus level in Fort Wayne and system level in West Lafayette. As a state educational institution, PFW is guided by policies and budgets approved by the Indiana General Assembly, set by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education (ICHE). Principally, ICHE has authority to approve PFW’s new academic programs and recommend operating and capital budgets on a biennial cycle. As described in the Assurance Argument, while the Purdue University Board of Trustees and Purdue University President have ultimate responsibility for PFW, the majority of programmatic and operational responsibilities for PFW are entrusted to the campus’ Chancellor whose duties include, but are not limited to, employment and appointment actions and budget development and management in accordance with established Purdue University System and campus policies. The Chancellor reports directly to the Purdue University President and is accountable for the day-to-day operations at PFW. Noteworthy for the Team is that PFW enjoys full authority to control and manage its undergraduate academic programs but graduate level control is vested at West Lafayette. Shared governance at the System level is achieved in practice through the PFW Chancellor’s consultations with the Purdue University President. Cited as evidence of System shared governance was a sample of the Board of Trustees’ minutes showing that that PFW Chancellor made reports on Fort Wayne specific agenda items and fully participated in the state budget appropriation process. In addition, various PFW organizational constituent groups (faculty, administrators, and staff) are reserved membership on System-wide committees which ensures FW campus interests are heard and considered at the System level. In sum, PFW engages its internal constituencies in shared governance processes locally at Fort Wayne and System at West Lafayette with defined policies and procedures.

In the Assurance Argument evidence files (PFW Constitution of the Senate, Senate Bylaws, Administrative and Professional Staff Advisory Council Constitution 2016, and PFW Strategic Plan 2020-25), PFW provides an expansive array of functioning committees that engage internal constituencies. The University Senate's powers and responsibilities are clearly delineated as well as areas of limitation. For example, faculty control and have final say over the academic calendar and policies regarding class scheduling and student participation in athletics and offering recommendations regarding policies on student conduct and admission and academic placement.

Faculty are directly involved in PFW shared governance and decision-making issues from changes in academic organization to determining the budget, to increases and decreases in staff, and to screening and selection of academic and administrative officers. In addition, PFW students participate in campus-level shared governance through the Student Senate, a branch of the Student Government Association. The Student Senate is asked to advocate for students' rights, to represent student interests on various committees, and to allocate funding to recognized student organizations and boards. The Team affirms that PFW provides avenues for which internal constituents, including students, can participate in the governance process.

The Assurance Argument notes that PFW uses data to reach informed decisions to address the best interests of the regional campus and its constituents. The Office of Institutional Research (OIR) is responsible for maintaining and supplying data designed to address compliance-reporting, accreditation, and strategic planning. As part of the Academic Affairs unit, OIR provides the critical census data used to formulate department reports, comprehensive program reviews, retention and graduation dashboards, and tracking of program viability. For example, OIR supports the PFW enrollment management objectives by producing dashboards (Student Information Dashboards) that track daily enrollment and credit hour production. Another important OIR responsibility is budget and revenue tracking forecasting in support of enrollment and tuition projection models. In addition, OIR provides the templates departments use annually in review of their performance. The Annual Year 2018-19 College Annual Report contained five-years of census data on metrics measuring departmental viability. In addition to OIR, other data sources are used to support decision-making including surveys, assessments, and qualitative studies. During the visit, the Team participated in a demonstration of an extensive data dashboard maintained by OIR. The interactive dashboard includes real-time data that is meant to inform decision-making at various levels in addition to providing public accountability on institutional success metrics. It is the judgment of the Team that PFW has a myriad of data gathering, collecting, and analyzing tools in place to make prudent decisions.

Purdue University Fort Wayne's administrative leadership provided evidence that it values faculty input regarding academic policies, and as appropriate that of students and staff, and has structures in place. The Team met with the Chancellor's Cabinet and heard about how PFW faculty, staff, and students can voice any concerns or issues they might have regarding academic policies and procedures, and why issues and concerns are taken seriously and responded to promptly. The Assurance Argument cited the Profile and Educational Responsibility components of the ICHE approved Policy on Purdue University Fort Wayne (dated June 13, 2019) as guiding statements on which the institution acts in setting academic requirements, policies, and processes. In addition, PFW Senate Bylaws 5.3.2.1 references the establishment of the Educational Policy Committee. The Team's review of the Educational Policy Committee charge revealed customary academic responsibilities entrusted to faculty (such as grades, academic sanctions, admission standards, academic calendar, general education policies, improvement of instruction, library policies, and scheduling of classes). Committee membership is diverse, including the Chief Academic Officer, Registrar, and six Senators. Students are included as members on subcommittee. Appropriate structures are in place to ensure the faculty own academic requirements, policies, and procedures and have engaged other parties (staff and students) in meaningful ways.

Interim Monitoring (if applicable)

No Interim Monitoring Recommended.


- BE IT RESOLVED, that the FW Senate immediately sets up an ad hoc Senate committee that will be responsible for fielding confidential reports from athletes while the FW Senate sets up its independent investigation; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this ad hoc Senate committee does not include any current or past members of the Mastodon Athletics Advisory Subcommittee to ensure impartiality; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that contact information for members of this ad hoc Senate committee will be made available to all student athletes at PFW; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the FW Senate take the necessary steps to set up or participate in an independent investigation, ensuring that the people involved in the first version of the investigation are not allowed to be voting members of the investigative team; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Senate takes AAUP's suggestion to "conduct an internal investigation led by an independent committee composed of a majority of faculty and academic administrators, and chaired by a faculty member elected by the Faculty Senate. The charge of this committee will be to examine the manner in which the university handled these allegations initially, how it reached its decision to reinstate the women's basketball coach, and whether the university followed its own internal policies as well as those of Purdue University in the handling of both the allegations as well as the investigation;" and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the university administration and all athletics staff, including the Chancellor and Athletic Director, make clear to the students that the university does not tolerate retaliation and will protect all students and staff who participate in the investigation by ensuring that all allegations of retaliation will be investigated thoroughly.

Administrative Response and Actions:

Resolution SD 20-34 seeks to have administration and athletics staff make clear to students that the University does not tolerate retaliation and that those who participate in a University investigation are protected from retaliation. Retaliation is specifically prohibited by the University's systemwide Anti-Harassment policy. There are many ways in which students are notified of their rights under the University's Nondiscrimination and Anti-Harassment policies, including the right of non-retaliation. A non-exhaustive list of resources where students (and employee) can find explanation of these rights are: in the Student Handbook; in the Student Athlete Handbook; in the University catalog (all available online); on the Student Care and Conduct website; and on the Office of Institutional Equity & Title IX website. The latter two sites contain links to report any incident of harassment, discrimination, retaliation, or bias. All incoming students are provided with mandatory online training on Title IX rights and resources, and all athletic staff and student athletes are provided in-person training by the Office of Institutional Equity at the beginning of each academic year. Finally, individuals who participate in a University investigation are reminded of the prohibition against retaliation and are advised to report any incident of retaliation.

Support:

- Student Handbook:
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- Student Athlete Handbook:
https://gomastodons.com/documents/2022/8/9/Student-Athlete_Handbook_2022_Final_BBB.pdf
- Student Conduct and Care website:
 - Report an Incident: <https://www.pfw.edu/student-conduct-care/report-incident>



SEXUAL MISCONDUCT, BIAS, HARASSMENT, RETALIATION, AND DISCRIMINATION

Always remember, if you or someone you know is in an emergency situation, call 911.

We are committed to ensuring that all students are able to thrive in the safest and healthiest environment possible. We are here to support you in the event that you need to report an incident involving yourself or someone you know. You may report sexual misconduct, bias, harassment, retaliation, and discrimination by completing an [Office of Institutional Equity Incident Report](#).

For more information, read the university's [Title IX Harassment Policy](#) and [Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy](#).

If you would like to discuss your situation before submitting a form, please contact us at scc@pfw.edu or 260-481-6601. We will assist you and provide you with information and resources. You also can learn more about [Title IX and sexual assault resources](#).

- Policies & Resources: <https://www.pfw.edu/student-conduct-care/policies-and-resources>
- Contained in the University Catalog:
<https://catalog.pfw.edu/content.php?catoid=60&navoid=3117>
- HR/OIE - Institutional Equity and Title IX: <https://www.pfw.edu/offices/human-resources/Institutional%20Equity%20and%20Title%20IX/#office-of-institutional-equity-committed-to-equality-11>

SD 20-34a:

Proposed Alignment of Purdue Fort Wayne Pass/Not Pass Regulations with Purdue Systemwide Pass/Not Pass Regulations and Proposed Amendments to the PFW Academic Regulations and Procedures

3/22/2021

- BE IT RESOLVED, that Purdue Fort Wayne align regulations related to Pass/Not-Pass grading with Purdue West Lafayette and Purdue Northwest and in so doing eliminate the university-level free-elective limitation from the academic regulation, which was adopted to align with Indiana University regulations; and

- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that colleges/schools are required to clearly state in the catalog any limitations on P/NP courses and their applicability toward degree requirements. In the absence of such catalog language, P/NP courses will be subject to university-level limitations only.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that courses taken with a P/NP grade mode cannot be used to fulfill general education requirements.

Administrative Response and Actions:

Each department was asked to add information about P/NP to their program description page during the open editing of the Catalog. This is evidenced in the Catalog by programs such as:

Majors:

Art & Design

Computer Engineering

Electrical Engineering

Music Education

Music Industry

Music Performance

Music Technology

Minors:

Art & Design

Jazz

Music

2021-2022 Administrative Compliance Report

SD # Link	Senate Document Title	Approval Date
<u>SD 21-4:</u>	Resolution to Mandate COVID-19 Vaccines for Students and Employees <ul style="list-style-type: none">- BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate requests that Purdue University Fort Wayne adopt a stand modelled after IU's Prevent the Spread mandate program requiring students and employees to receive the vaccinations per CDC guidelines before the first day of Spring 2022 classes.	9/20/2021

Administrative Response and Actions:

In response to this resolution, the Student Government Association launched a survey of students, and the Office of Institutional Research launched a survey of employees, to assess the proposed vaccine mandate. [Results of both surveys were released to campus on October 14, 2021](#), as part of an announcement that the university would not pursue a vaccine mandate. The full range of considerations and input that went into the decision is discussed in the message from Chancellor Elsenbaumer and the senior leadership team.

PFW WILL NOT PURSUE VACCINE MANDATE

October 14, 2021

Dear Students, Faculty, and Staff,

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, Purdue Fort Wayne has been focused on providing our students with an uninterrupted academic experience while keeping our campus community as safe and secure as possible. Like other universities, we have had our challenges, but we have persevered and we have fared remarkably well.

As many of you are aware, our students, faculty, and staff have been engaged in campus-wide conversations and information gathering this fall regarding the possibility of implementing a COVID-19 vaccine mandate for the spring semester. We should all take great pride in the thoughtful and thorough work that has been done to weigh the pros and cons of a measure that would affect every single member of our campus community.

After careful due diligence and consideration—and with significant input from the campus community—our leadership team has reached the unanimous decision that implementation of a vaccine mandate for the spring semester is simply not feasible.

We took into account a number of important factors in making this decision, not the least of which is the acute disruption such a major policy change would cause for our students in the middle of an academic year.

Our decision was also based on recommendations from the PFW Ready Committee, which we have relied on during the pandemic for expert guidance related to campus safety protocols, logistics, and operations. Our mitigation efforts have proven very effective, most notably the mask requirement that has been in effect during most of the pandemic. We have had no outbreaks of the virus on campus, and campus infection rates continue to decline.

We also considered feedback from campus surveys conducted during the past few weeks. A total of 2,441 students responded to **a survey administered by the Student Government Association**, and 669 employees responded to **a survey administered by the Office of Institutional Research and Analysis**. Additional information was gleaned from two student town halls, our weekly PFW Ready Q&A sessions for faculty and staff, and input from the Faculty Senate.

The absence of a vaccine mandate does not change our commitment to the critical importance of being vaccinated. Throughout this pandemic, we have strongly encouraged all members of our university community to get vaccinated. Indeed, we have held numerous clinics on campus since last spring to ensure availability and access to the free vaccines, and many of you have taken advantage of those opportunities.

As we look to the future with hope and optimism, we will continue to remain vigilant. This is no time to let down our guard. We have learned during the course of the pandemic that we must be nimble and flexible, yet very thoughtful, in our planning and response. We will work together as we always have to ensure that Purdue Fort Wayne continues to flourish and that we emerge from the pandemic stronger than ever.

Sincerely,

Ron Elsenbaumer
Chancellor

Carl Drummond
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Krissy Creager
Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management and the Student Experience

Glen Nakata
Vice Chancellor for Financial and Administrative Affairs

Jerry Lewis
Vice Chancellor for Communications and Marketing

MarTeze Hammonds
Chief Diversity Officer

Kim Wagner
Chief of Staff to the Chancellor

SD 21-9:

Proposed Elimination of June Degree Conferrals by Purdue University Fort Wayne following the conclusion of Summer Session One and Retention of Grade Submission following the conclusion of Summer Session One

11/8/2021

- BE IT RESOLVED, Purdue University Fort Wayne will confer degrees in December, May and August and cease to confer degrees in June;
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, When needed to begin a graduate program prior to the conferral of summer degrees, the registrar's office will provide documentation that a student has completed the relevant degree program earlier in the summer; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Purdue University Fort Wayne's Office of the Registrar will continue to request final grade submissions from instructors for class sections ending within the first six weeks of summer class offerings in order for pre-requisite checking to be undertaken for summer courses offered later in the summer semester.

Administrative Response and Actions:

According to Cheryl Wolever (Admin Asst, SOE), degrees were conferred in May. Summer I graduates were put on August list and won't graduate until then. Thus, this new policy is being fully implemented by the Registrar's office.

SD 21-12:

Graduation Requirement Resolution

12/13/2021

- BE IT RESOLVED that the Purdue Fort Wayne Senate endorses Purdue University West Lafayette Senate Resolution 20-60; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Purdue Fort Wayne Senate endorses the Purdue University Northwest Senate's unanimous vote to support Resolution 20-60; and
- BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Purdue Fort Wayne Senate calls on the PFW Chancellor, Purdue President and Purdue Board of Trustees to follow authoritative norms of shared governance, respecting its prior delegation of authority on matters of the curriculum and graduation to the purview of the Faculty through the Fort Wayne Senate.

Administrative Response and Actions:

- The PFW administration agrees to continue to pursue norms of shared governance and respects its prior delegation of authority on matters of the curriculum and graduation to the purview of the Faculty through the Fort Wayne Senate.

SD 21-21:

Resolution: Defending Academic Freedom to Teach About Race and Gender Justice and Critical Race Theory

3/14/2022

- BE IT RESOLVED that Senate resolutely rejects any attempts by bodies either from or external to the faculty to impose educational gag orders meant to chill academic or educational discussion by restricting or dictating university curriculum on any matter related to racial and social justice, and will stand firm against encroachment on faculty authority by the legislature or by the Boards of Trustees when they violate norms and principles of collaboration and shared governance; and,
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate stands with our K-12 colleagues throughout the country who may be affected by pernicious legislation simply because these educators seek to teach the truth in U.S. history and civics education; and,
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Senate calls upon President Mitch Daniels, Chancellor Ronald Elsenbaumer, and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs Carl Drummond all to affirm that they reject any attempts by bodies either from or external to the faculty to impose educational gag 3 orders meant to chill academic or educational discussion by restricting or dictating university curriculum on any matter related to racial and social justice, and will stand firm against encroachment on faculty authority by the legislature or the Boards of Trustees when they violate norms and principles of collaboration and shared governance; and,
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Senate affirms the Joint Statement on Efforts to Restrict Education about Racism, authored by the AAUP, PEN America, the American Historical Association, and the Association of American Colleges & Universities, endorsed by over seventy organizations, and issued on June 16, 2021.

Administrative Response and Actions:

The administration has not been contacted by any outside agency regarding the above issues. Nonetheless, the PFW administration respects its prior delegation of authority on matters of the curriculum and graduation to the purview of the Faculty through the Fort Wayne Senate.

SD 21-23:

Academic Units' Cooperation on University Website

3/14/2022

- BE IT RESOLVED, the Senate requests that the administration present at the April meeting a specific action plan for academic units to report misstatements, inaccuracies, and other incorrect information about their programs appearing on the website, including a clear point of contact who can respond to academic units quickly and consistently when someone reports a web page needing correction.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Senate insists upon all academic units having final approval of any content on the new website representing the academic programs for which they are responsible.

Administrative Response and Actions:

This was addressed in the following Memorandum:

MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Committee
Faculty Senate, Purdue University Fort Wayne

FROM: Jerry Lewis
Vice Chancellor for Communications and Marketing

SUBJECT: SD 21-23 (Resolution Passed March 2022)

DATE: April 8, 2022

This memorandum addresses the information that was presented in resolution SD 21-23, which was passed with amendments at the March 2022 Faculty Senate meeting. Specifically, I'd like to address the process by which the college and school websites have been produced, reviewed, approved, and launched.

From the outset of the website redesign and redeployment project, the Office of Communications and Marketing has been engaged in a strategic discussion and administrative process that follows the chain of command in the colleges and schools, i.e., working directly with the deans and department chairs and the Office of Academic Affairs. As background, this project uncovered several serious technology issues early on, as the dotCMS content management system was failing and had not had critical software upgrades for many years during the IPFW years. A decision was made to follow Purdue University's lead and switch to the Drupal content management system before developing any sites within the university's new website.

The website project process started in earnest in early 2020 with intake meetings conducted by Communications and Marketing with each dean—just a month before the pandemic forced remote learning and remote work. This process continued with a fall 2020 presentation to all deans that included the initial website design, content, structure, and process. Communications and Marketing was assisted in this major effort by Purdue University's marketing and branding partner, Ologie, which helped develop the initial phases of Purdue Fort Wayne's project within the new Drupal content management system.

Communications and Marketing also conducted an additional round of individual meetings with each dean in December 2020 to further review the process and to begin work on all of the individual college and school sites. These meetings included a review of the initial design and evolving content strategy and modules, as well as a discussion about the fact that colleges and schools would need to move internal, archival, human resources, committee, governance, and other documents to SharePoint (or other linkable location outside of the content management system environment if the documents needed to be accessed publicly). Following these meetings, each dean received a website development document that defined the stages and scope of the work that would follow.

In February 2021, Communications and Marketing met with the Academic Leadership Team (all PFW deans and department chairs) to further review and discuss the overall plan and process for creation of the college and school websites. In January and February 2021, each dean was provided with a draft outline to review and approve in advance of work

commencing for their college/school's respective website. As each outline was approved, a Communications and Marketing team was assigned to begin writing, designing, and developing a website for each college and school. This work continued through fall 2021.

In order to accomplish a necessary change in scope, during late spring 2021, Communications and Marketing held several meetings with the transition teams for the new College of Liberal Arts and the new College of Science, along with Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Carl Drummond. As a result of those meetings, Communications and Marketing quickly developed new interim websites for the new colleges, as well as an interim site for the new School of Education. The leader of each of these new colleges/schools reviewed the sites, provided input, and approved the sites prior to launch. The interim sites were designed and organized in a similar brand presence as the new sites that were already in development.

In November 2021, Communications and Marketing met with the Deans Council and Vice Chancellor Drummond to present a draft of the university's new website, which included significant new features and modules at the central university level, as well as an overview of what would be included in the college and school sites. Communications and Marketing incorporated feedback from that meeting into the website project.

Following that Deans Council meeting, Communications and Marketing focused on finalizing a college/school website launch plan for spring 2022, which began with a January 19, 2022, launch of top-level university pages and foundational features (Home Page, News Center, Events Calendar, Majors and Minors Program Finder, Audience Pages) and other content, modules, and elements.

In consultation with Vice Chancellor Drummond and Dean John O'Connell, it was decided that the College of Visual and Performing Arts would be the first college/school in the queue for launch in February 2022, as their website needed to be finalized in advance of spring 2022 accreditation activities for the Department of Art and Design.

Communications and Marketing shared a final draft of the new Visual and Performing Arts website with the dean in December 2021. Following a full review of the site by the dean, his office staff, and consolidated edits from the department chairs, Communications and Marketing incorporated their edits, received final approval by the dean, and the site was launched on February 1, 2022.

Communications and Marketing employed the same final review and approval process for each college and school—with deans, office staff, and department chairs having input and final approval for their respective sites. Subsequently, the School of Education website was finalized and launched on March 28, 2022.

Additionally, draft websites have been presented to the deans and department chairs for the Doermer School of Business (March 1, 2022); the College of Liberal Arts (March 24, 2022); the College of Engineering, Technology, and Computer Science (March 31, 2022); and the College of Science (April 7, 2022). These sites are currently being reviewed by deans, their office staffs, and department chairs and are anticipated to be launched in the coming weeks (anticipated by mid-May 2022).

Over the summer, Communications and Marketing will coordinate with the deans to provide official website training in the new Drupal environment. Following training, each college and school website will then be turned over to the respective college/school to maintain future content—with defined assistance and support from Communications and Marketing.

I hope this helps provide additional insight into the process for creating these sites and helps allay any remaining concerns about the input, review, and approval process for the college and school websites.

Thank you.

CC: Dr. Ron Elsenbaumer, Chancellor
Dr. Carl Drummond, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
David Johnson, Associate Vice Chancellor for Communications and Marketing

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SD 21-31: Maintaining Faculty Role in Advising

4/18/2022

- BE IT RESOLVED that Fort Wayne Senate recommends the Office of Academic Affairs delay implementation of this change and return to a student-centered advising process that provides students with access to a Faculty Advisor within their intended major before registering the student for classes; and,
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Academic Affairs submit a formal proposal to change the advising process through the Advising Subcommittee, for Senate review during the 2022-23 academic year; and,
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Academic Affairs wait to implement any further changes to the advising process until it has sufficiently weighed and responded to Senate input on these changes.

Administrative Response and Actions:

The Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs' office central advising unit has responded primarily through participation in the Senate Subcommittee and meetings with the colleges. Senate sub-committee has not made recommendations; however, we are responding to requests for evaluation and assessment activities that we are conducting as part of the implementation. Kent Johnson has communicated with the colleges (primarily ETCS and COLA) that we will transition to the new model over the course of this coming academic year with the implementation of EAB. We have also worked to more clearly communicate the model stressing that faculty will continue to be engaged in advising and student success, albeit, with a greater focus on specific advanced and discipline related advising focused on student matriculation through the degree and transition to post graduation pursuits.

To date, a formal proposal for the Senate sub-committee has not been developed.

Time is of the essence, and there is an administrative responsibility to improve student retention, and recent results indicate a very good outcomes thus far. As an example, VCAA partnered with COLA to focus on re-enrollments this summer and have worked closely with the dean to get our team taking the lead on their efforts this summer. It appears that the majority of faculty are now on board. ETCS is getting more and more comfortable with the new model – in fact, in discussions with the dean of engineering, VCAA is discussing the longer term plan to add a director for their advising unit.

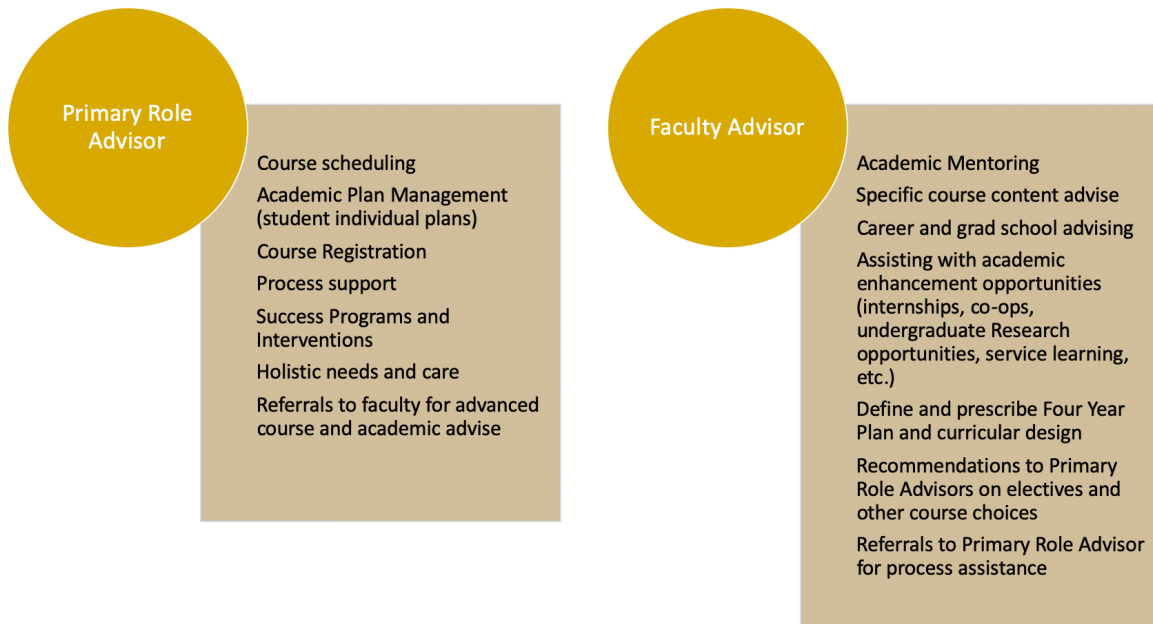
PFW Tandem Advising Model

Office of Academic Accountability and Student Success

D. Kent Johnson, PhD

Executive Director

PFW Tandem Advising Model



SD 21-32: Consideration and Implementation of the Recommendations by the Ad Hoc Committee to Examine the Procedural Handling of Allegations of Misconduct in the PFW Women's Basketball Program

4/11/2022

- BE IT RESOLVED, that the University Administration provides a report to the Senate in the Fall of 2022 on the steps it plans to take to address the concerns and suggestions in the Ad Hoc Report

Administrative Response and Actions:

The University has a systemwide policy against Harassment and Discrimination and has accompanying procedures that are used to investigate or resolve a report of harassment or discrimination. Those Procedures are reviewed and revised periodically by the Office of the Vice President of Ethics and Compliance at West Lafayette. Concerns and suggestions for policy revisions can be communicated to West Lafayette at vpec@purdue.edu.

The concerns and suggestions by the Ad Hoc Committee relative to the process of investigating claims of harassment or discrimination can be addressed on our campus by training and awareness. The University will continue annually to train investigators, Title IX mandatory reporters, and others who may be involved in the process. We will continue to make harassment, discrimination, and Title IX training required for new employees and incoming students. Beyond what we require, we encourage individuals to take advantage of enterprise trainings available through Brightspace and SuccessFactors or to request specific training from HR-OIE. We encourage the entire campus community to report to Student Conduct and Care or to HR-OIE any concerns through the reporting mechanisms located on those websites. Those offices can also address individual questions about the policies and procedures.

SD Timely Information Sharing with Faculty About Financial Student Retention Policies 4/11/2022
21-33:

- BE IT RESOLVED, that the university administration communicate in a timely manner its planned campaigns for retention as broadly defined as possible, particularly those that include any financial incentives that students may receive as a result of taking advantage of those campaigns (this list is not meant to be exhaustive, but examples include: financial incentives for registering by a certain date; opportunities to take advantage of federal funding for debt forgiveness; tuition discount for registering by a certain date; free tuition for classes for registering by a certain date, etc.)
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this information is provided to the Chair of the Senate Advising Subcommittee prior to the start of any planned campaign;
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Senate Advising Subcommittee develops an effective plan of timely dissemination of this information among faculty.

Administrative Response and Actions:

There are several issues that are important to include regarding this issue of retention and incentives. Almost all of this is related to the distribution of CARES ACT, HEERF II and III funds. Specifically:

- CARES, HEERF II and HEERF III had so many restrictions that every moment we had was spent on digesting and understanding all of those, while setting up all the processes to

get applications and money in students' hands. This was also occurring while the world was in turmoil and everyone was working from home, necessitating multiple steps, calls, etc. when guidance was changing literally on a daily basis.

- All CARES, HEERF II and HEERF III efforts necessitated sending specific emails to specific groups of students, therefore making a university announcement difficult as every student's offer and needs were different.
- In many cases, we were under a very tight deadline to get approval from PWL, Legal, DOE, etc. to distribute money to students, especially when there was an immediate need for students to receive money, whereby making additional steps of university notifications not productive.

To be clear and transparent, below are included the announcements that went out at various times for various CARES and HEERF efforts. Several others were sent directly to students from the VCSA account but did not include those as it appeared the ask in SD 21-33 was to inform the university staff members (not necessarily students).

CARES Act Funds Still Available for Eligible Students

Last week, the university sent out a notice to eligible students about a second round of available funds from the CARES Act. These funds can help students who may have incurred unexpected expenses as a result of COVID-19's disruption of our campus operations. The application provides an opportunity for eligible students to recover related expenses for such items as food, housing, course materials, technology, healthcare, and child care. The [application](#) illustrates all eligibility requirements and requires students to authenticate their understanding accordingly. Should students have any questions about their eligibility, application, processing time, etc., specific contact information is included upon submission of the application.

Important CARES Act Update for Student Financial Relief

We hope this email finds you well as you prepare to return to campus for the fall 2020 semester.

Earlier this summer, the US Congress, in its coronavirus relief legislation, provided funds, which you may have taken advantage of, to help students impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. We first made this funding available on May 11, 2020, and can now open the next round of funding on a first-come, first-served basis. This CARES Act funding is available to Purdue Fort Wayne students who meet all eligibility requirements.

Purdue Fort Wayne recognizes, as Congress did, that you may have incurred unexpected expenses as a result of COVID-19's disruption of our campus operations. The application provides an opportunity for you to recover related expenses for such items as food, housing, course materials, technology, healthcare, and child care. Please see the application for additional details. We will make every effort to assist you in getting reimbursed for those expenses if they are allowable under guidance from the US Department of Education's Office of Federal Student Aid and if sufficient funds are available.

The [application](#) illustrates all eligibility requirements and asks you to authenticate your understanding accordingly. The Office of Financial Aid will check all aspects and provide assistance via direct deposit to those who are eligible.

Should you have any questions about your eligibility, application, processing time, etc., specific contact information is included upon submission of your application. Please read the entire application very carefully and adhere to all guidelines and questions accordingly.

Krissy Creager

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs



Dear Alexandra,

We hope this email finds you well at this unprecedented and challenging time. You may have read that the U.S. Congress, in its coronavirus relief legislation, provided funds to help students impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. To make this "CAREs Act" funding available to Purdue Fort Wayne students, we have established a CAREs Act Emergency Funding application, which can be accessed by clicking on the link below.

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To be eligible, you must have a FAFSA on file with the Financial Aid Office or be eligible to file a FAFSA. If you have not filed a FAFSA, more detailed eligibility information is outlined at the beginning of the application. To read more about eligibility and to complete the funding application, [click here](#).

Should you have any questions about your eligibility, application, processing time, etc., specific contact information is included upon submission of your application. Please read the entire application very carefully and adhere to all guidelines and questions accordingly.

All our best,
Dr. Creager

Krissy Creager, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor
Student Affairs

CARES Act Funds Allocated to Help Students in Need

Purdue Fort Wayne remains committed to supporting members of our campus community who are experiencing hardships resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Now, more than ever, many students need assistance covering expenses such as food, housing, course materials, technology, healthcare, and childcare. A group of approximately 6,400 Purdue Fort Wayne students who were enrolled either part-time or full-time as of March 13 and through the completion of the spring semester may qualify for funding made available through the CARES Act. Communication with these individuals initiated by the Office of Student Affairs began last week.

To be eligible, in addition to experiencing unforeseen expenses directly related to campus disruptions as a result of COVID-19, students must have a FAFSA on file with the Office of Financial Aid, or be eligible to file a FAFSA. For those who have not filed a FAFSA, more detailed eligibility information is outlined at the beginning of the [application](#). Specific contact information for additional guidance will be provided upon submission. Applicants are encouraged to read all materials very carefully and adhere to each guideline and question accordingly.

Through the CARES Act, which was passed and signed into law in late March, Purdue Fort Wayne secured \$2.7 million for student relief in the first of what is expected to be two disbursements the university will receive in 2020.

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

Remaining HEERF III Funds to Be Distributed

Beginning today, select students with a balance owed to the university and/or Student Housing will receive a communication from the Division of Enrollment Management and the Student Experience via VCSA@pfw.edu with an offer to satisfy their balance with a one-time payment utilizing the remaining Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund, or HEERF III, money allocated to Purdue Fort Wayne. There are 1,066 individuals who will receive this offer, all of whom are currently registered students with a balance under \$5,000 for the 2021–22 academic year. Those eligible must fill out the form indicated in the email. They have until May 2 at 5 p.m. to do so.

Student questions regarding this offer should be directed to VCSA@pfw.edu

- SD 21-34:** Revising the Questions from the Annual Athletics Report 4/11/2022
- BE IT RESOLVED, that a member of Senate EC will work with relevant and interested senate committees and subcommittees (e.g. URPC, BAS, Mastodon Athletics Advising Committee, etc.), using the Athletics Budget Analysis from April 2022 (SD 21-30) and other relevant materials, on an emendation of SD-03-19 and thus on revising the questions that need to be reported on as part of the Athletics Report by the Chancellor, starting Fall 2022.

Administrative Response and Actions:

We agree that it would be appropriate to revisit these questions as several are out of date and no longer relevant.

- SD 21-35:** Public Sharing Information about Deaths of Faculty and Staff at PFW 4/11/2022
- BE IT RESOLVED, that the university returns to past practices of sharing information about deaths of members of the community through a centralized email notification,
 - BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Communication and Marketing develops and makes available to Senate EC a memorandum that explains the process for submitting this information for dissemination by the September 2022 Senate meeting (or sooner),
 - BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that since the university also refuses to acknowledge deaths of students, the Senate Student Affairs Committee works to develop a set of recommendations for how to best handle that process for student deaths, regardless of the circumstances surrounding such deaths.

Administrative Response and Actions:

Purdue Fort Wayne is grateful for the contributions of faculty and staff who have served the university and, of course, is cognizant of the grief and mourning that are part of the natural process following the passing of a colleague.

Unfortunately, it is neither feasible, manageable, nor possible for the university to track, verify, and publish at the central level notification of the deaths of current or retired employees.

The Office of Human Resources is prohibited from releasing confidential personnel information that is derived from employment records such as benefits and/or family beneficiary contacts, which would be the only way to definitively verify that employees are deceased. There is no other central mechanism for developing a methodology for accurately and comprehensively verifying deaths.

Academic units and administrative units may, however, share obituaries informally among interested parties. It's a good practice to have the permission of the deceased's family.

Purdue University previously published faculty and staff death notifications for the West Lafayette campus but discontinued the practice, due to the time-consuming and inexact nature of the process, which required a full-time staff person.

Purdue Fort Wayne's Office of Communications and Marketing will consider publishing a death notification in the faculty and staff newsletter, *Inside PFW*, under certain conditions, which are included in its newsletter guidelines:

INSIDE PFW AND DON LIFE NEWSLETTER GUIDELINES

Introduction

The Office of Communications and Marketing is responsible for managing official university communications designed to help Mastodons stay informed about all that's happening within their own campus community. Central to these efforts is the publication of dedicated newsletters—*Inside PFW* for faculty and staff and *Don Life* for all currently enrolled students. The overarching goal of both newsletters is to provide short-form articles in a timely manner that help our university community stay informed, engaged, and proud of their shared experiences at Purdue University Fort Wayne.

Publication Schedule

Inside PFW is published on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Don Life is published on Wednesdays during the fall and spring semesters.

Special Editions

Inside PFW Special Edition and *Don Life Special Edition* are supplements to the regularly scheduled newsletters. They cover breaking news and time-sensitive information directly related to university operations.

Method of Delivery

Each newsletter is delivered to the university email account of the recipient.

Policies and Best Practices

A. Content Considered for Publication

The primary focus of Purdue Fort Wayne's internal newsletters is to communicate information that may be of interest to all university employees and students, not just subsets of these respective audiences. The editorial staff will consider on a case-by-case basis exceptions to this general practice, especially if the submitted content is exclusive to faculty

and staff; it conveys a direct benefit to university students; or it has universal appeal including, but not limited to, all-ages events or those activities that highlight Purdue Fort Wayne's contributions to the betterment of the region.

B. Editorial Decisions

Decisions regarding publication of proposed content rest solely with the editorial staff. Appeals for inclusion, or clarification on policy, should be directed first to the editor at inside@pfw.edu or donlife@pfw.edu. Final decisions related to content are made by the vice chancellor for Communications and Marketing or their designee.

C. Submitting Story Ideas

University faculty and staff may submit story ideas for consideration to the *Inside PFW* editor by emailing inside@pfw.edu. Submissions from faculty and staff for consideration in *Don Life* may be emailed to the editor at donlife@pfw.edu.

D. Weekly Deadlines

The deadline for Tuesday editions of *Inside PFW* is 2 p.m. on Monday. The deadline for Thursday editions is 2 p.m. on Wednesday.

The deadline for Wednesday editions of *Don Life* is 2 p.m. on Monday.

Story ideas that are related to events, approaching deadlines, or other time-sensitive issues should be submitted no later than two weeks in advance of the target date, keeping in mind the respective publication schedules.

Special editions of the newsletters are distributed only when absolutely necessary. Special editions are not an option for general communications unless the topic is directly related to university operations as determined by the vice chancellor for Communications and Marketing or their designee.

E. Opting Out of Inside PFW or Don Life Communications

Inside PFW and *Don Life* are considered official university communications that convey important and often time-sensitive information about university news, policies, operations, procedures, and programs.

Employees and students may not opt out of receiving their designated newsletter.

Each edition contains essential news and information for faculty, staff, and students including benefits, events, safety and security, announcements about campus construction and disruptions, and other important messages. Additionally, there are times when information needs to be communicated urgently, such as campus closures, health and safety protocols, major leadership announcements, or changes to employee benefits that take effect immediately.

F. Individual Projects, Pursuits, Accolades

Purdue Fort Wayne is a dynamic university made up of students, faculty, and staff who regularly demonstrate success inside and outside of the classroom. Examples of these

accomplishments are reviewed on a case-by-case basis for newsletter inclusion with items of wider appeal receiving greater consideration.

- Published works including, but not limited to, books, articles, and academic papers are not featured in the newsletters unless they are mentioned in reference to university activities such as lectures or exhibits that are open to the entire community. Items of national or international significance will be considered.
- Awards and accolades of major significance will be assessed on a case-by-case basis for possible publication.
- Off-campus events need to have a direct connection to the university and clearly demonstrate how a member of our campus community is being highlighted in a featured role. Individual or group participation in external activities does not by itself guarantee promotion or coverage in *Inside PFW* or *Don Life*.
- Group and individual fundraising and/or involvement in initiatives benefitting an external organization will not be communicated unless the university is directly involved in the execution of the campaign or is a designated beneficiary of the efforts.

G. Student and Class Projects

Individual or group activities related to routine coursework, including capstone projects, do not qualify for newsletter inclusion unless the work involves a significant and clearly defined link between the university and community. Exceptions to this general practice may be considered if information on the project is submitted for review with adequate advance notice and if the topic is determined by the editorial team to be of interest to a broad university audience.

H. Optimal Length of Articles

Inside PFW and *Don Life* feature short-form articles typically two to three paragraphs long. Generally speaking, topics that require more information must include links to updated websites and the email addresses of primary points of contact to answer additional questions before the item will be considered for publication.

I. Obituaries

Purdue Fort Wayne will consider publishing notification of the death of current PFW faculty, staff, and students only if there will be an on-campus memorial service open to the entire university community.

J. Commercial Services

General information from internal commercial services—companies with Purdue University Fort Wayne contracts such as the Mastodon Campus Store, Don's at Walb, Einstein Bros. Bagels, Java Spot, Holiday Inn, etc.—will be considered for publication. Examples of these items include operating hours and special rates or discounts that are available to university employees and students. The newsletters do not publish or provide links to coupons.

External companies or organizations wishing to promote services and/or discounts through the newsletters will not be included.

Neither *Inside PFW* nor *Don Life* accept paid advertising.

K. Requests for Human Research Subjects

Purdue Fort Wayne does not publish requests for human research subjects from any university school, college, or department.

- SD 21-37:** Change to PFW Academic Regulations Reconciliation Process 4/18/2022
- 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 PFW 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 PFW 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 2023 Taskforce that would be populated in the same manner as was intended for the Summer Taskforce.

Administrative Response and Actions:

Our understanding is that the taskforce did not get formed. EPC said it was because Senate Nomination Committee didn't contact anyone on EPC to find out who wanted to serve and what positions needed to be filled. The Nomination Committee said that EPC was to supply the names before they could seek nominations for vacancies. Apparently, the impasse lasted long enough for the April date to pass to form the committee.

Two other parts of SD that might be relevant to this discussion:

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, there is a chance that there may not be 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;

They are trying again to fill the committee. No action at this time.