

TO: Fort Wayne Senate

FROM: Educational Policy Committee
James Toole, Chair

DATE: February 27, 2012

SUBJ: Proposed Amendment to the IPFW Academic Regulations and Procedures:
Proposal to Change Academic Regulation 3.8.4 – Change of auditing option

DISPOSITION: To the presiding officer for implementation

WHEREAS auditing a course requires completion of the course, as noted in Academic Regulation 6.2, and;

WHEREAS faculty have observed that many students stop attending class after changing from credit to audit status, thereby failing to complete the course, and;

WHEREAS the option of course withdrawal is available to students who do not intend to complete a course, and;

WHEREAS the current deadline for changing from credit to audit status is the same as the current deadline for withdrawing from a course, making it easy for students to change to audit status when they have no intention of completing the course, and;

WHEREAS setting an earlier deadline for changing from credit to audit status would preserve the ability to audit while preventing misuse of the audit status at the withdrawal deadline, and;

WHEREAS approval of the change to audit status should involve the course instructor while also accommodating the needs of distance education students;

BE IT RESOLVED that Academic Regulation 3.8.4 – Change of auditing option be amended as follows:

3.8.4: Change of auditing option. A student may alternate between audit and credit status during an academic session. A change from audit to credit **or credit to audit** may occur only during the first ~~four~~ **six** weeks; ~~a change from credit to audit may occur only during the first nine weeks.~~ Changes of auditing status require the signature **or written acknowledgment from** ~~of~~ the course instructor ~~or~~ **and** academic advisor next to the appropriate notation on the schedule-revision form.