

TO: Fort Wayne Senate

FROM: Educational Policy Committee  
James Toole, Chair

DATE: March 26, 2012

SUBJ: Creation of an Ad Hoc General Studies Program Council

DISPOSITION: To the presiding officer for implementation

WHEREAS the General Studies Program at IPFW is a long-standing and successful program;  
and

WHEREAS the General Studies Program has been locally administered by the Director of the  
General Studies Program reporting through the IPFW Division of Continuing Studies and in  
consultation with a faculty advisory committee; and

WHEREAS the General Studies Program has been under the authority of the Indiana University  
School of Continuing Studies; and

WHEREAS Indiana University has now dissolved the School of Continuing Studies, leaving the  
General Studies Program without an academic home from July 1, 2012; and

WHEREAS faculty governance is essential to the successful operation of any academic program;  
and

WHEREAS many issues concerning the status and operation of General Studies at IPFW will  
remain unresolved as of July 1, making it more advisable to create a temporary faculty  
governance council than to create one having a more permanent membership and charge;  
therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate do the following:

The Senate shall create an ad hoc General Studies Program Council reporting to the Senate  
through the Educational Policy Committee. The Council shall expire at the end of the 2012-2013  
academic year. During the 2012-2013 academic year, the Educational Policy Committee shall  
study the development of General Studies at IPFW in order to determine what form a more  
permanent faculty governing council should take. By the April 2013 Senate meeting, the  
Educational Policy Committee shall propose a Senate resolution ensuring that some form of  
General Studies faculty governance continue to exist, whether temporary or permanent.

The ad hoc Council shall consist of:

- Three (3) Faculty from the College of Arts and Sciences
- Three (3) Faculty from the other schools and colleges
- The Director of General Studies
- The Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Programs
- Two (2) General Studies alumni, as non-voting members, appointed by the General Studies Director

The ad hoc Council shall exercise the Faculty's authority with regard to academic matters related to the General Studies Program.

The ad hoc Council shall be appointed by the Senate's Executive Committee, in consultation with the Director of General Studies. Once a permanent council is created, its faculty members shall be elected by the Senate.