

To: University Senate

From: IPFW Faculty Senate

Re: Grief Absence Policy for Student (GAPS)

Date: October 21, 2011

WHEREAS, The IPFW Faculty Senate would like to respectfully remind the University Senate that while the Management Agreement states that “Purdue shall be responsible for all policies related to student matters,” it also states that “IPFW student rights, responsibilities, and standards of conduct will be established by campus administrators in consultation with the student and faculty government organizations . . .” and that “The IPFW Faculty senate will be delegated the usual responsibilities of faculty governance, including . . . other appropriate faculty and student matters.”; and

WHEREAS, We interpret that to mean that while IPFW policies affecting student and/or faculty need to be “consistent with the principles established by Purdue and Indiana Universities,” the IPFW campus has the responsibility, obligation, and right to establish its own policies regarding student attendance, discipline, etc.; and

WHEREAS, The Trustees of Purdue University granted academic autonomy to the Fort Wayne campus on November 14, 1974; and

WHEREAS, this action included approval of separate academic regulations, including a separate class attendance policy, for the Fort Wayne campus;

BE IT RESOLVED, That the recent Grief Absence Policy for Student (GAPS) created as a “Purdue System” policy impinges on our rights and responsibilities. We would respectfully request that, at the very least, that impingement be recognized and IPFW not be expected to follow the policy, or at the most, the policy have the word “System” stricken from the text.

Thank you for consideration of our concerns.