

TO: Fort Wayne Senate

FROM: Educational Policy Committee
Anne Argast, Chair

DATE: Jan 29, 2013

SUBJ: Recommendation for Organizational Structure of General Studies

DISPOSITION: To the presiding officer for implementation

WHEREAS, the General Studies Program has significant enrollment,

WHEREAS, General Studies was once organized under the IU System-wide School of Continuing Studies,

WHEREAS, IU closed the system-wide School of Continuing Studies on June 30, 2012,

WHEREAS, a suitable administrative framework for General Studies needs to be created on the IPFW campus,

WHEREAS, the current arrangement of administrating General Studies through direct supervision of the faculty Senate is not necessarily in the best interests of the General Studies Program and its students,

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate created with SD11-22 an ad hoc General Studies Program Council to provide oversight during the transitional year of 2012-2013,

WHEREAS, the Council expires at the end of academic year 2012-2013,

WHEREAS, SD 11-22 directed EPC to recommend a more permanent faculty governance structure no later than the April 2013 Senate meeting,

WHEREAS, current financial troubles require a revenue-neutral solution,

WHEREAS, any proposed governance structure should be flexible enough to accommodate changes in the future,

WHEREAS, any proposed governance structure must include significant levels of faculty oversight,

WHEREAS, the General Studies Program has in the past worked closely with Continuing Studies, and that preservation of these lines of contact is a worthwhile goal,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate recommend the following to the Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs

1. IPFW create a School of Continuing & Professional Education.
2. The new School include the General Studies Program and sundry other departments and organizations as appropriate.
3. The School of Continuing & Professional Education be led by a faculty member with the rank of Dean & Executive Director having an academic background and degree appropriate to the position.
4. The General Studies Program be led by an individual with the rank of Assistant/Associate Dean having an academic background and degree appropriate to the position.
5. The founding dean and founding assistant/associate dean need not hold a faculty rank.
6. Establish a General Studies Policy Council to advise the Assistant/Associate Dean, and over time assume the duties typically associated with the committees of a school or college. This council shall consist of 10 members: The Assistant/Associate Dean of the General Studies Program (ex officio, nonvoting), The Dean of Arts and Sciences or the Dean's Designee (ex officio, nonvoting), three faculty from the College of Arts and Sciences (voting), and one faculty (voting) from each of the following: School of Business, College of Education and Public Policy, College of Engineering, Technology, and Computer Science, College of Health and Human Services, and College of Visual and Performing Arts. All faculty members on the council shall serve a three year term, staggered to provide continuity, and be selected by a mechanism determined by the school or college they represent.
7. Provide a structure for having any faculty that may eventually be assigned to the school, academic advisors, assistants, clerks and other members of the School report to the Assistant/Associate Dean.
8. Provide a structure for having the Assistant/Associate Dean report to the Dean of the School.

Tentative organizational chart, for information only.

