

TO: IPFW Senate
FROM: Ann Livschiz, COAS Senator-at-Large
DATE: March 27, 2013
SUBJ: Proposal to Reduce the Damage from Un-strategic Cuts in Spring 2013
DISPOSITION: To the Chancellor for implementation

WHEREAS, the way the budgetary crisis at IPFW has been handled has led to widespread concern and alarm,

WHEREAS, the proposed and announced cuts have been un-strategic,

WHEREAS, the logic behind the proposed and announced cuts has not been explained to faculty to their satisfaction, prior to 3/27/13,

WHEREAS, the proposed and announced cuts will lead to the undermining of the academic mission of IPFW,

WHEREAS, the proposed and announced cuts are handicapping the ability of some of the particularly affected departments to function not just in the immediate future, but are causing long-term damage to those departments as well,

WHEREAS, the proposed and announced cuts are undermining the ability of the university to maintain services to existing students and can possibly undermine our ability to attract good students, who will graduate in a timely manner and improving the metrics used by the state to determine a portion of IPFW's funding,

WHEREAS, the proposed and announced cuts do not appear to be minimizing the impact on employees, both in the actual lay offs and in the way that these lay offs have been implemented,

WHEREAS, the proposed and announced cuts appear to be negating a lot of the accomplishments of IPFW in recent years to become an important intellectual center and an award-winning workplace,

WHEREAS, the status of the "reserve fund" has been explained to the senators at the Special Senate meeting and is between \$18-20 million,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the administration use some amount of the "reserve fund" to cover some of the budgetary deficit for this year so that the necessary cuts next year can in fact be strategic.