

TO: Fort Wayne Senate

FROM: University Resource Policy Community
Marc Lipman, Chair

DATE: February 27, 2013

SUBJ: Continue Participation in Summit League

Disposition: To the Senate for consideration

WHEREAS, IPFW must make a decision within two years to continue participation in the Summit League as a NCAA Division 1 university, and

WHEREAS, IPFW would incur a substantial monetary penalty for withdrawal from the Summit League after it has agreed to the terms of membership, and

WHEREAS, there has not been a comprehensive review of whether IPFW's participation in Division I athletics has met the goals articulated in the original proposal of 2000 to move IPFW from Division 2 to Division 1 athletics,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the URPC assemble a task force representative of all major stakeholders to the university and athletic program for completion of an assessment of the cost and benefits of IPFW's participation as a Division 1 university and to issue a report to the Senate by the February 2014 meeting.