

MEMORANDUM

TO: Fort Wayne Senate Executive Committee

FROM: Yvonne Zubovic, Chair
Educational Policy Committee

DATE: February 26, 2014

SUBJ: Proposed Change to Academic Regulations 10.0 Degrees

WHEREAS, Section 10.2 of the Academic Regulations states that students fulfill the requirements in the Bulletin “current at the time of most recent entry or re-entry into that program at IPFW”; and

WHEREAS, there are inconsistencies as to how individual colleges and departments interpret this requirement; and

WHEREAS, a consistent set of bulletin term practices is desirable;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate approve the following changes in the Academic Regulations. Language to be added is shown in boldface and language to be removed is shown in strikeout.

Degrees

10.0: Degrees. Academic units may impose stricter requirements than those listed in this section but may not waive the following minimum standards. Provided these minimum standards are satisfied, adjustments to any degree requirement may be made by the unit establishing that requirement.

10.1: Degrees offered. For completion of undergraduate plans of study of at least 60 credits, associate degrees may be conferred. For completion of undergraduate plans of study of at least 120 credits, bachelor's degrees may be conferred.

10.2: Requirements for degrees. Any student entering a degree, certificate, or pre-major program will be required to fulfill the requirements in the Bulletin ~~or its supplement or departmental regulation~~ current at the time of most recent entry or re-entry **to the**

~~university. into that program at IPFW, or with the written acknowledgment of the academic advisor, the requirements in any subsequent Bulletin or supplement.~~

The primary reasons for a student to be required to meet the requirements of a subsequent bulletin include:

- **Re-entry to IPFW (*after a one year period of non-enrollment*)**
- **By request with the written acknowledgment of the academic advisor**
- **When required by accreditation, a department may require students to complete the curriculum defined by the most current bulletin.**

Any student who remains continuously enrolled or admitted to the university will be required to meet the requirements of the Bulletin of the term of entry or re-entry to the university unless the student chooses to change to a subsequent Bulletin with the written acknowledgement of the academic advisor.

Any student who is not continuously enrolled due to a period of deployment to serve in a branch of the armed services may meet the requirements of the Bulletin of the most recent entry or re-entry to the university.

In addition:

- Any new requirement for a degree, certificate, or pre-major program may not be applied to currently enrolled students in these programs if it would increase the number of semester hours or the number of semesters required for completion of the program.
- The school/division/department committee in charge of curriculum matters may refuse to accept as credit toward graduation any course which was completed 10 or more years previously. Former students shall be notified of all such decisions upon reentering or when the credit is determined to be unacceptable.