

MEMORANDUM

TO: Fort Wayne Senate

FROM: Executive Committee

DATE: 30 March 2015

SUBJECT: Creation of an ad hoc committee to review and recommend changes to Senate committee and subcommittee structures and functions

DISPOSITION: To the Presiding Officer for implementation

WHEREAS, committees and subcommittees make the greatest contribution to shared governance when they are operating efficiently;

WHEREAS, the burden of committee work falls disproportionately on senators who make up a small percentage of the faculty;

WHEREAS, members of the faculty are denied opportunities to serve when they are not senators;

WHEREAS, there are inconsistencies and a lack of clarity in the Bylaws about committee and subcommittee membership and duties;

WHEREAS, there has been, and continues to be, significant change at IPFW and within the Indiana University and Purdue University systems;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that an ad hoc committee be formed to review the Bylaws and make recommendations regarding the structure and function of Senate committees and subcommittees;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ad hoc committee include one (1) member from Educational Policy Committee (EPC), Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC), Nominations and Elections Committee (N&E), Student Affairs Committee (SAC), University Resources Policy Committee (URPC), along with the Parliamentarian and Presiding Officer as non-voting members and that the ad hoc committee members be named before the end of the 2015 spring semester from the list of committee members for the 2015/16 academic year;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the recommendations of the ad hoc committee be submitted to the Senate no later than the February 2016 meeting.