TO: Fort Wayne Senate

FROM: Jane Leatherman, Chair

Educational Policy Committee

DATE: Nov. 16, 2015

RE: Process to approve new courses and programs at IPFW

WHEREAS, The approval process for new courses and new undergraduate and graduate programs is overseen and administered by the Office of Academic Affairs (OAA) and administrative entities at Indiana University and Purdue University; and

WHEREAS, Historically these approval processes have had a tendency to be cumbersome, inefficient, and poorly understood by faculty and administrators; and

WHEREAS, the OAA and the Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Programs have worked to make these processes more streamlined and expedited, and to increase the transparency of these processes; and

WHEREAS, Information on the updated processes can be found on the OAA website (currently, http://www.ipfw.edu/offices/oaa/programs/curriculumdev.html);

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Educational Policy Committee (EPC) endorses the efforts undertaken by OAA and the Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Programs to improve the new course and new program approval processes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That EPC encourages OAA to notify EPC if and when changes are made to these processes in the future.