
MEMORANDUM

TO: FORT WAYNE SENATE
FROM: STEVEN A. CARR
SUBJECT: REINSTATEMENT OF ACADEMIC DEGREE PROGRAMS
DATE: OCTOBER 17, 2016
CC: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Senate endows Voting Faculty with powers to recommend polices concerning the conduct, welfare, privileges, tenure, appointment, retention, and promotion of faculty (VI.A.1.e.); and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Senate endows Voting Faculty with powers to recommend changes in academic organization (VI.A.2.a.); and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Senate endows Voting Faculty with powers to make recommendations concerning the determination and management of the budget (VI.A.2.b); and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Senate endows Voting Faculty with powers to make recommendations concerning increases and decreases in staff (VI.A.2.d.); and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Senate endows Voting Faculty with powers to review and approve the titles of the academic degrees conferred at IPFW (VI.A.4.a.); and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Senate endows Voting Faculty with powers to review and approve the general requirements for the curricula leading toward academic degrees and certificates (VI.A.4.b.); and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Senate grants Voting Faculty with powers to present its views concerning any matter pertaining to the conduct and welfare of IPFW to the Presidents and Boards of Trustees of Indiana University and Purdue University (VI.A.5.); and

WHEREAS, SD 15-26 outlines a process where, in the exercise of these powers, decisions concerning reorganization, merger, reduction and/or elimination of programs shall occur as a result of a review process in which the faculty has assumed a prominent role; and

WHEREAS, the University Strategic Alignment Process used to suspend, eliminate, and restructure academic programs and departments did not occur within established shared governance structures such as the Senate, thereby undermining the role and voice of faculty in decisions regarding academic programs;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate urge reinstatement, effective immediately, of all undergraduate and graduate degree programs or majors suspended or eliminated beginning in 1 July 2016 and forward where faculty did not initiate a recommendation, or did not assume a prominent role in decisions leading to these suspensions and eliminations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any further action on the part of an academic administrator or the Presidents and Boards of Trustees of Indiana University and Purdue University to suspend, merge,

reduce, or eliminate a degree program must accompany publicly disclosed detailed financial statements for the past five years, and must come with a thirty-day remonstrance period to allow adequate analysis and review of these actions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, any subsequent action initiated by an academic administrator or the Presidents and Boards of Trustees of Indiana University and Purdue University to suspend, merge, reduce, or eliminate a degree program must occur in accordance with the policies and procedures outlined in SD 15-26, especially under section IV “Procedures for Program Reorganization, Merger, Reduction, and/or Elimination” and where the chief administrative officer has not declared financial exigency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Senate immediately notify the Presidents and Boards of Trustees of Indiana University and Purdue University of the exercise of the faculty’s will to reinstate academic degree programs and majors, and to have the administration, Presidents, and Boards of Trustees observe all policies and procedures outlined in 15-26 when initiating an action to suspend, merge, reduce, or eliminate a degree program.