

MEMORANDUM

TO: Fort Wayne Senate
FROM: Brian Fife and Rachel Hile
DATE: November 11, 2016
SUBJ: Revert to September 19 Recommendations for Academic Programs

WHEREAS, The Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Enrollment Management (VCAA) outlined a series of recommendations for academic department restructuring and program improvement on September 19, 2016; and

WHEREAS, On October 18, 2016, the VCAA announced program closures in response to reported demands made by the Purdue University Board of Trustees in an executive session of the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, Multiple programs that were recommended for closure by the VCAA on October 18 had originally been given a number of years to improve metrics such as enrollments, number of majors, and retention and graduation rates; and

WHEREAS, Many of the programs now recommended for closure can demonstrate growth in new students and number of majors this fall, had proposed plans for reducing administrative and clerical costs, had begun developing plans for redesigning curriculum or program focus to increase utility and student focus, and were otherwise interested in pursuing reforms and adaptations that would allow the degree program to continue at IPFW;

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fort Wayne Senate calls upon the administration to reinstate the programs recommended for improvement and review in the September 19 recommendations but were then recommended for closure in the October 18 recommendations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the reinstated programs, in consultation with the VCAA, develop precise benchmarks for improvement in the 2017-18, 2018-19, and 2019-20 academic years that will be the foundation for annual viability assessments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, if the reinstated programs do not meet these benchmarks, then they will be closed.