

MEMORANDUM

TO: Fort Wayne Senate

FROM: Kathy Pollock, Chair
Executive Committee

DATE: August 24, 2016

SUBJ: ICHE Application to HLC for Extension Regarding Dual Credit Faculty Qualifications

WHEREAS, The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) issued a policy clarification to Assumed Practice B.2. regarding faculty qualifications in June 2015 stating that all “faculty teaching general education courses, or other non-occupational courses . . . [must] hold a master’s degree or higher in the discipline or subfield. If a faculty member holds a master’s degree or higher in a discipline or subfield other than that in which he or she is teaching, that faculty member should have completed a minimum of 18 graduate credit hours in that discipline or subfield in which they teach”¹; and

WHEREAS, Many of IPFW’s dual credit teachers do not meet the qualifications established in Assumed Practice B.2.; and

WHEREAS, The clarification of Assumed Practice B.2. is scheduled to go into effect on September 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, HLC has developed an application process for “member institutions with dual credit programs to request extensions related to compliance of faculty qualifications in these programs with Assumed Practice B.2.”²; and

WHEREAS, The Indiana Commission for Higher Education (ICHE) is asking Indiana colleges and universities to sign on to a joint application to HLC for a five-year extension “for participating Indiana institutions to have their dual credit faculty be in compliance with HLC faculty qualifications described in Assumed Practice B.2.”; and

WHEREAS, Signing on to the ICHE application to HLC for a five-year extension “in no way inhibits your institution from meeting the dual credit faculty qualifications earlier than the requested extension deadline”;

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate supports IPFW signing on to ICHE’s application for an extension regarding dual credit faculty qualifications.

¹ http://download.hlcommission.org/policy/updates/AdoptedPoliciesAssumedPractices_2015_06_POL.pdf

² <https://www.hlcommission.org/Document-Library/determining-qualified-faculty.html>