

TO: Fort Wayne Senate

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SUBJ: Proposal to Establish a more Comprehensive Analysis of Academic Program's Contribution to Degree Programs in Consideration of Program Resource Allocation, Suspension, and Closure

WHEREAS, all degrees are composed of courses in which the majority are taken outside of the major department.

WHEREAS, the university administration has focused principally on the number, retention, and graduation of majors with little or no consideration of how a program's courses are used to fulfill requirements and electives for degree programs outside of this major.

WHEREAS, cuts to programs based on these metrics alone has the potential to significantly negatively affect the quality of degree offerings outside of the major programs being eliminated,

AND WHEREAS, the new proposed template for department annual reports continues this same deficiency in solely using metrics of the major and not the program contribution to programs outside of the major,

BE IT RESOLVED, that for any evaluation of academic programs for decisions on resource allocation, suspension, and closure must consider that program's contributions to degrees and programs outside of its major.