

MEMORANDUM

TO: Fort Wayne Senate

FROM: Kathy Pollock, Chair  
Executive Committee

DATE: August 29, 2017

SUBJ: Realignment and the Senate

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WHEREAS, The “Report on Role and Governance of IPFW” issued by the Legislative Services Agency (LSA) in January 2016 “recommended transferring all of the IU mission areas except the health sciences to Purdue [collectively referred to as the Purdue Academic Missions] and recommended transferring nursing, radiography [Medical Imaging] and dental education to IU [collectively referred to as the IU Academic Missions],” and the formation of distinct university operations on the Fort Wayne campus<sup>1</sup>; and

WHEREAS, The “Agreement and Plan of Realignment for Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne” (the IPFW Agreement) agreed to by the Purdue University and Indiana University Boards of Trustees in December 2016 endorsed the LSA Report’s recommendations and spelled out a plan of Realignment to become effective on July 1, 2018<sup>2</sup>; and

WHEREAS, According to the IPFW Agreement and the Program Transfer and Ancillary Agreements adopted by the Purdue and IU Boards of Trustees in June 2017<sup>3</sup>, on July 1, 2018, all faculty working in Purdue Academic Missions will be considered Purdue faculty working at Purdue University Fort Wayne (PFW)<sup>4</sup>, and all faculty working in IU Academic Missions will be considered Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) faculty working at Indiana University Fort Wayne (IUFW)<sup>5</sup>; and

WHEREAS, The “Constitution of the Faculty of Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne” governs the structure and functioning of the Fort Wayne Senate and is premised on the presence of both Purdue and IU faculty working at IPFW; and

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.ipfw.edu/offices/oa/realignment/docs/reload+LSA+evaluation+report.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.ipfw.edu/offices/oa/realignment/docs/1612-ipfw-agreement.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.ipfw.edu/offices/oa/realignment/docs/Finalized%20Legal%20Docs.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> Pending approval by the Higher Learning Commission.

<sup>5</sup> Pending approval by the Higher Learning Commission.

WHEREAS, The “Bylaws of the Senate” govern the structure and functioning of the Senate and its committees and subcommittees, and are also premised on the presence of both Purdue and IU faculty working at IPFW; and

WHEREAS, The Faculty Leaders that currently represent the Senate and the Faculty in a variety of Shared Governance settings are the Presiding Officer of the Senate, the Speaker of the Purdue University Faculty, and the Speaker of the Indiana University Faculty; and

WHEREAS, As a result of Realignment, on July 1, 2018, IPFW will cease to exist, PFW and IUFW will begin operations, the faculty of PFW will be represented in a PFW Faculty Senate, and the faculty of IUFW will be represented in the IUPUI Faculty Council; and

WHEREAS, As a result of Realignment, by July 1, 2018, the Fort Wayne Senate will need to revise its governing documents and governance structure to reflect the fact that it will only represent the Faculty of Purdue University Fort Wayne;

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate Executive Committee, working with the chairs of relevant Senate committees and subcommittees, shall propose such amendments to the Senate Constitution and Bylaws as are necessary to prepare for Realignment and to ensure that Shared Governance remains vibrant and vital at Purdue University Fort Wayne; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Executive Committee shall submit its proposed amendments to the Senate Constitution and Bylaws to the Fort Wayne Senate for consideration by its December 2017 meeting.