

MEMORANDUM

TO: Fort Wayne Senate

FROM: Kathy Pollock, Chair  
Executive Committee

DATE: February 2, 2018

SUBJ: Clarifying the End of the Terms of the Current Speakers of the Faculty

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WHEREAS, Senate Document SD 17-7, which amended the Constitution of the Faculty of Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne in order to address changes necessitated by Realignment, was approved by the Senate in October 2017, and those amendments were subsequently ratified by a vote of the Voting Faculty; and

WHEREAS, Several of the ratified amendments established a new structure for the Faculty Speaker positions (there will now be two Speakers for the faculty of Purdue University Fort Wayne who will serve as Deputy Presiding Officer of the Fort Wayne Senate and as the PFW representative on the Intercampus Faculty Council), as well as new requirements on who can serve in these positions (the Speakers must come from different colleges/schools); and

WHEREAS, Neither the amended Constitution nor SD 17-7 address the transition from the current Speaker structure to the new Speaker structure; and

WHEREAS, The current Speaker of the Indiana University Faculty's term is set to expire with the commencement of the Fall 2018 Senate (defined as the week before classes begin in August 2018), and the current Speaker of the Purdue University Faculty's term is set to expire with the commencement of the Fall 2019 Senate (defined as the week before classes begin in August 2019); and

WHEREAS, A strict reading and implementation of the amended Constitution would eliminate both current Speaker positions and require the election of two new Speakers, both of whom would assume office on July 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, It was not the intention of the Executive Committee in putting forward the proposed amendments to the Constitution to interfere with the normal faculty leadership transition timeline or to require the current Speaker of the Purdue University Faculty to vacate his position effective July 1, 2018;

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate authorizes the current Speaker of the Indiana University Faculty to serve out the remainder of his elected term, and that a new Speaker will begin their two-year term with the commencement of the Fall 2018 Senate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate authorizes the current Speaker of the Purdue University Faculty to serve out the remainder of his elected term, and that he will automatically transition into the new Speaker structure with the commencement of the Fall 2018 Senate.