

MEMORANDUM

TO: Fort Wayne Senate

FROM: Abraham Schwab, Speaker of the Purdue Faculty

DATE: February 12, 2018

SUBJ: Support for Purdue University Senate Document 17-09

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WHEREAS, The Fort Wayne Senate approved Senate Document SD 16-47 (attached) in May 2017, which expressed that “The faculty of Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne share the same concerns as our colleagues at Purdue University with the lack of faculty input or participation in Purdue University’s decision to acquire Kaplan University,” and which endorsed Purdue University Senate Document 16-19; and

WHEREAS, On January 8, 2018 the Purdue University Senate adopted Senate Document 17-09, “A Resolution of Appreciation for the Faculty Senates of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and of Michigan State University” (attached); and

WHEREAS, The faculty of Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne share the concerns expressed in the letters from Michigan State University’s Faculty Senate (attached) and University of Nebraska-Lincoln’s Faculty Senate (attached), specifically regarding the lack of Purdue System faculty input in the process of the purchase of Kaplan University, and the lack of any formal effort to create shared governance structures and faculty control of curriculum at the proposed Purdue University Global (formerly “New University”); and

WHEREAS, The faculty of Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne are concerned that the lack of any plans to introduce shared governance and faculty control of curriculum at Purdue University Global as part of the Purdue University System undermines shared governance structures in other parts of the Purdue University System and will negatively affect the Purdue brand as an elite institution of higher education;

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fort Wayne Senate endorses Purdue University Senate Document 17-09, “A Resolution of Appreciation for the Faculty Senates of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and of Michigan State University”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Fort Wayne Senate requests that the Higher Learning Commission withhold approval of Purdue University Global as part of the Purdue University System until the concerns outlined above, in the letters from the Faculty Senates of Michigan State University and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and in

Purdue University Senate Document 16-19 have been adequately addressed through established processes of shared governance.