

MEMORANDUM

TO: Fort Wayne Senate

FROM: Kathy Pollock, Chair  
Executive Committee

DATE: 1 March 2018

SUBJ: IPFW Representatives in the Purdue University Senate

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WHEREAS, The [Bylaws of the Purdue University Senate](#) define the membership of the Senate to include “Three members elected by and representing the faculties of the regional campuses, one each from Purdue Northwest, Purdue Fort Wayne and Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis” (section 2.00.b.4.); and

WHEREAS, Fort Wayne [Senate Document SD 90-15](#) endorsed a resolution “That the Fort Wayne Senate not choose a representative to fill the seat allocated to the Fort Wayne Faculty on the [Purdue University at West Lafayette] University Senate; and

WHEREAS, [Senate Document SD 03-15](#) (subsequently clarified by [Senate Document SD 12-23](#)) rescinded SD 90-15 and called for an “election to select a member of the Purdue Voting Faculty, elected by the Purdue Voting Faculty, to serve a three-year term to the [Purdue] University Senate,” that “this [seat] continue to be filled in the future,” and that “the representative report to the Fort Wayne Senate on a regular basis; and

WHEREAS, The IPFW Representative in the Purdue University Senate is an increasingly important position given that IPFW will be more fully integrated into the Purdue University System after realignment; and

WHEREAS, The qualifications, obligations, and process of election for permanent representatives of the faculty operating in a shared governance system should be defined in the constitution or bylaws of that system;

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Bylaws of the Senate as amended in [Senate Document SD 17-7](#), to become effective on July 1, 2018, shall be further amended to insert the following section, with subsequent sections renumbered as necessary:

**7. PFW REPRESENTATIVE IN THE PURDUE UNIVERSITY SENATE**

**7.1. Qualifications**

**7.1.1.** The PFW Representative in the Purdue University Senate (hereinafter referred to as the “Purdue Senator”) shall be a tenured member of the Voting Faculty.

**7.1.2.** The Purdue Senator’s teaching schedule must allow for attendance at the monthly meetings of the Purdue University Senate.

## **7.2. Term of Office and Method of Election**

**7.2.1.** The Purdue Senator shall be elected by the Voting Faculty to a three-year term. Elections shall be conducted prior to February 1, with the term of office to commence with the fall Senate following election. The Purdue Senator may not serve more than two consecutive terms.

**7.2.2.** In the event that the Purdue Senator vacates the position before the completion of a term, the Fort Wayne Senate shall elect a member of the Senate to serve for the remainder of the academic year. An election shall be conducted to identify a permanent replacement to complete any remaining years in the term.

## **7.3. Responsibilities**

**7.3.1.** The Purdue Senator shall represent the faculty of PFW in the Purdue University Senate. In doing so, the Purdue Senator should:

**7.3.1.1.** Disseminate information about the deliberations and activities of the Purdue University Senate to the PFW faculty;

**7.3.1.2.** Take steps to understand the views of PFW faculty on these deliberations and activities;

**7.3.1.3.** Present the views of PFW faculty to the Purdue University Senate.

**7.3.2.** The Purdue Senator shall also represent the PFW faculty on the Intercampus Faculty Council (IFC). The Purdue Senator will serve on IFC in conjunction with a Speaker of the Faculty.

**7.3.3.** The Purdue Senator shall annually report to the Fort Wayne Senate on the deliberations and activities of the Purdue University Senate. The Purdue Senator may also report to the Senate, or seek guidance from the Faculty Leaders, Executive Committee, or the full Senate, at any point during the academic year as circumstances warrant.