

To: Senate Executive Committee

From: Steven Alan Carr, Voting Faculty

Date: 20 November 2019

Re: Signing the U.S. Academic Joint Statement on the Escalation of Tensions in Hong Kong and at the Polytechnic University of Hong Kong

WHEREAS, the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) have stormed universities chanting “slaughter the cockroaches,” used violence indiscriminately and to excess, and laid siege to protestors seeking shelter at college campuses, and;

WHEREAS, indiscriminate mass arrests; disappearances; staged suicides; gang rapes of detainees in police custody; tear gas and live bullets being fired directly into crowds and at individuals all have targeted students, professors, and others now seeking shelter at Polytechnic University of Hong Kong (PolyU), and;

WHEREAS, over fifty universities and colleges within the United States have signed the “U.S. Academic Joint Statement on the Escalation of Tensions in Hong Kong and at the Polytechnic University of Hong Kong” as of 18 November 2019, including two within the Big Ten, the University of Michigan and the University of Minnesota;

WHEREAS, the Scholars at Risk Network has reported 91 killings, acts of violence, and disappearances targeting academic communities in the past year, including Hong Kong, India, Bangladesh, Swaziland, Uganda, Sudan, Greece, Afghanistan, Algeria, the Occupied Palestinian Territories, Colombia, Indonesia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Ecuador, Thailand, Nigeria, Australia, Japan, Honduras, China, Serbia, Chile, Algeria, Guinea, Iran, Turkey, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, the United States, Cuba, Zambia, Malaysia, Pakistan, Ghana, the United Kingdom, Nicaragua, Liberia, and the Democratic Republic of Congo;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fort Wayne Senate add Purdue University Fort Wayne to the list of universities and colleges signing this statement on behalf of our students, alumni, faculty, and staff, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chancellor of the Purdue University Fort Wayne Campus notify the President and Purdue Board of Trustees of Purdue University that the Fort Wayne Senate has presented its views to them on this matter.