

MEMORANDUM

TO: Fort Wayne Senate

FROM: B. Buldt, Chair, Executive Committee  
S. Carr, Senator for Communication

DATE: 25 September 2020

SUBJ: Guidelines for Keeping Campus Open During the Pandemic

**Resolution for Keeping Campus Open During the Pandemic**

WHEREAS the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) has issued [Guidance for Campus Operation During the Pandemic](#); and,

WHEREAS many campuses that opened in the fall continue to experience COVID outbreaks; and,

WHEREAS plans to maintain campus operations for Spring 2021 already have begun; and,

WHEREAS decisions to maintain campus operations include not just reopening the campus, but also keeping the campus open; and,

WHEREAS the Chancellor has committed to joint action with the Fort Wayne Senate in maintaining campus operations for Spring 2021; and,

WHEREAS the Senate Educational Policy Committee has primary responsibilities for “the improvement of instruction,” “general curriculum standards,” “coordination of Fort Wayne curricula with those of West Lafayette,” and “general academic organization;” and,

WHEREAS the Senate University Resources Policy Committee has powers to make recommendations concerning “such matters as planning and optimal utilization of the physical facilities of the university, including buildings, the library, scientific and other equipment, and educational aids;”

BE IT RESOLVED that administration work with the Fort Wayne Senate, including but not limited to the Senate University Resources Policy Committee, to ensure that the health and safety of students, faculty, and staff will be the primary consideration in any decision to keep campus open, as well as any decision concerning campus operations during the pandemic that involve curriculum or the delivery of curriculum; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that administration work with the Fort Wayne Senate to provide reasonable accommodations for all members of the campus community who have underlying health conditions; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that administration include and adequately weigh the concerns of all affected members of the campus community in decisions about whether to remain open and how

best to control any outbreaks; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that administration work with the Fort Wayne Senate, including but not limited to the Senate Educational Policy Committee, to facilitate planning and decision making so that departments and programs can develop their own policies and procedures in advance of Spring 2021 for determining such matters as enrollment caps, instructional modality, communication with students, course cancellations, and other matters specific to delivering departmental and program curricula before the semester begins; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that administration work with the Fort Wayne Senate, including but not limited to the Senate Educational Policy Committee, to facilitate clear and transparent processes so that departments and programs have their own policies and procedures in place for Spring 2021 to determine any changes to curricula, including but not limited to making changes to instructional modality, communication with students, and other matters specific to delivering departmental and program curricula once the semester has begun; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that administration work with the Fort Wayne Senate, including but not limited to the Senate Educational Policy Committee, to ensure basic fairness and consistency across academic departments and programs to implement these policies and procedures fairly, leaving the development and implementation of these policies and procedures to the departments and programs themselves; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that both the administration and the Fort Wayne Senate pledge to work with the Purdue Board of Trustees and all state and local health authorities to close campus in a timely manner if Purdue University Fort Wayne is unable to ensure as the primary consideration the health and safety of all students, faculty, and staff while they are on campus and amid ongoing campus operations during the pandemic.

<b>Approved</b>	<b>Opposed</b>	<b>Abstention</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Non-Voting</b>
B. Buldt			H. Di	C. Ortsey
P. Dragnev				
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M. Ridgeway				
J. Toole				
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