

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Senate
FROM: University Resources Policy Committee
Art Friedel, Chair

DATE: November 28, 1990

RE: University Housing

DISPOSITION: To the Presiding Officer for Implementation

Whereas, The April 1988 *IPFW in the 1990s: An Urban Strategy* cited the General Education Task Force recommendation "that IPFW plan campus housing for undergraduate students to meet student needs and to encourage more student involvement in campus events"--and specifically added that "data from 18 peer urban universities with similar FTE enrollments recommends that housing be available for 20 percent of the enrollment"; and

Whereas, The November 1989 *IPFW Self Study Prepared for the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools* stated that "as IPFW begins its 26th year, there are feelings that we should consider providing on-campus housing"; and

Whereas, The June 1990 Preliminary Report of the President's Task Force on Housing for Students at Indiana University Regional Campuses recommended that "regional campuses of Indiana University should not be prohibited from developing student housing on or near their campuses and in cooperation with private developers and under criteria and standards to be developed [by the task force]"--and specifically cited such potential benefits of such housing as (1) enhancement of and improved participation in student life, (2) increased enrollments resulting from improved accessibility, (3) increased use of libraries and computer laboratories, and (4) greater student-faculty interaction; and

Whereas, Despite years of formal and informal expressions of interest in this topic, the establishment of student housing has never received serious study by a faculty-governance body at IPFW; and

Whereas, this campus has been charged with developing plans for the use of recent land acquisitions;

Therefore, be it resolved, That the Senate specifically charge the University Resources Policy Committee with undertaking a study of the opportunities for establishing university housing for IPFW students, and the options for realizing such opportunities; and the place of student housing in the overall development of the campus; and

Be it further resolved, That the Committee report its findings and recommendations to the Fort Wayne Senate during the current academic year.