

TO: Fort Wayne Senate

FROM: Faculty Affairs Committee
Nash Younis, Chair

DATE: March 24, 2006

SUBJ: Establishment of Ombudscommittee

DISPOSITION: To the Presiding Officer for implementation

Resolved, that the Fort Wayne Senate establish the following committee:

Ombudscommittee: Nominees from among the tenured voting faculty will be solicited by the Nominations and Elections Committee and the voting faculty at large will vote to provide a slate of candidates. Initially, the election will provide a slate of at least ten faculty members from which the committee members will be selected. Annually, the Nominations and Elections Committee will solicit nominees from tenured voting faculty and conduct an election to provide a slate of at least three names from which vacancies will be filled. To form the committee, the Indiana University and Purdue University Speakers, the Presiding Officer, and the Chancellor will select the committee of three members and two alternates, taking care that the committee represents a cross-section of IPFW faculty.

Membership: The Ombudscommittee will be composed of three members and two alternates. Members will serve three-year, staggered terms.

Charge: Anyone experiencing work-related problems may seek the assistance of the Ombudscommittee. The resources available to the Ombudscommittee include: information about referrals to other campus resources; advocacy for persons with problems; and direct intervention or mediation in some situations. The Ombudscommittee is not part of the grievance procedures at IPFW nor is it a substitute for grievance procedures. Seeking the assistance of the Ombudscommittee is completely voluntary.