

TO: The Fort Wayne Senate

FROM: Michael Nusbaumer

RE: Indiana Commission for Higher Education Statement on Research at Regional Campuses

DATE: November 11, 2013

DISPOSITION: To the Presiding Officer to send to the Indiana Commission for Higher Education

WHEREAS, In October of 2013, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education amended their Policy on Regional Campus Roles and Missions; and

WHEREAS, the revision states that “Regional Campuses should limit research to scholarly activity related to faculty teaching responsibilities and research related to local and regional needs.”; and

WHEREAS, the description of the research focus of faculty on regional campuses adopted by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education is contrary to the principle of academic freedom for faculty members;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Indiana Commission for Higher Education be encouraged to amend the research focus to read, “Scholarly activities related to faculty teaching responsibilities and local and regional needs may be of special significance. However, the faculty at the Regional Campuses are protected by academic freedom and may pursue any variety of scholarly activities and research.”