

To: Fort Wayne Senate  
From: Executive Committee  
Date: February 8, 2016  
Disposition: To be sent to the Indiana University and Purdue University presidents and boards of trustees

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WHEREAS, the Indiana General Assembly created the IPFW Role and Governance Working Group (Working Group) to examine the role that IPFW plays in northeast Indiana and how the governance structure may or may not limit and/or enhance the ability of IPFW to fulfill its role; and

WHEREAS, the Indiana General Assembly called for the development of “qualitative and quantitative findings concerning the comparative opportunities, costs, and risks of” continuing shared governance, restructuring governance within the Indiana University system, and any other governance structure that has the potential to improve IPFW; and

WHEREAS, a report from IPFW (SD 15-14) demonstrated that the Working Group report was limited in its analysis and that the limits led to unsubstantiated conclusions and proposals; and

WHEREAS, the faculty and administrative leaders at IPFW provided the Working Group with a list of recommendations for improving IPFW’s ability to fulfill its role in northeast Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the recommendations from IPFW were based on qualitative and quantitative information;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Fort Wayne Senate urges that the boards of trustees and presidents of Indiana University and Purdue University consider these recommendations.

## **IPFW Recommendations Regarding IU and Purdue Systems Functioning Prepared for LSA study**

1. IPFW should be granted the same autonomy at the graduate level that exists at the undergraduate level for program development and approval. This includes the ability to develop, consistent with expectations of a multisystem metropolitan university, the appropriate metrics such as need, quality and economic viability for new and revised graduate programs. IPFW should be given assurance that these metrics would be applied throughout the review and approval process.
2. Purdue should develop an on-line submission/tracking process for undergraduate and graduate programs.
3. Require both IU and Purdue to map, review, and revise their respective processes for program review and approval and come together to develop one uniform and consistent process to be utilized by both systems. Each step of the process should have a reasonable and specified time limitation for completion. If a deadline is missed at the system level of review, the review automatically proceeds to the next step.
4. Public universities in the state should work with ICHE to develop a fast-track new program expedited approval process designed to respond quickly to emerging metropolitan needs. Changes for the expedited process should come from the campus, university system, and ICHE levels of review. The result should be a more nimble system that can respond quickly to needs.
5. Purdue and IU should release the contact information for applicants qualified but denied admission to IU and Purdue for recruiting by all IU and Purdue campuses. Currently, Purdue releases this information for undergraduate applicants but not graduate applicants. IU releases no information on denied applicants.
6. IPFW should be allowed to utilize a single, combined student transcribing system analogous to what exists at IUPUI.
7. IPFW should be allowed to seek out and secure the most cost effective options for goods and services. It is expected that seeking out cost effective options includes seeking input from Purdue University.
8. IU and Purdue should include the logo and branding of all system campuses on their websites and in all of their publications.
9. IPFW should have shared authority with Purdue in determining and setting overhead charges.
10. IPFW should change the role and function of the IPFW Foundation to that of an actively managed foundation performing functions such as, but not limited to:
  - a. Development of a fund raising role, including annuals goals, and
  - b. Fiduciary responsibility for funds and assets donated to the IPFW Foundation and responsibility for directing the purposes for which IPFW Foundation funds and assets shall be used.
11. IPFW should have an alumni association that is independent of the Purdue and Indiana systemwide alumni association. Efforts by IPFW to recruit members will include invitations to join the IPFW, Purdue University, and/or Indiana University alumni associations. Membership dues will come to IPFW and be dispersed according to members' wishes. On a regular basis, IPFW will transfer data regarding alumni to Purdue University and Indiana University, as appropriate. Finally, Indiana University will

transfer current alumni data for alumni who attended IPFW to IPFW by the end of the first quarter of 2016. This will be a one-time transfer of information because IPFW will begin maintaining its own database of alumni no later than the end of the first quarter of 2016.