

## RESOLUTION

To: Purdue President, Provost, Board of Trustees, Chancellors, and other administration  
From: The Purdue University Intercampus Faculty Council  
Date: January 25, 2016  
Subject: Collaborative decision-making while the University Senate and regional campus Faculty Senates are in session  
Disposition: University Senate for Endorsement

WHEREAS: The Senates in the Purdue system have well-established mechanisms for examining, recommending, and approving initiatives, both large and small, and

WHEREAS: The representative structures within the Purdue system are the Senates, and

WHEREAS: The Senators on the various campuses are elected by the faculty and represent them, and

WHEREAS: The best way to institute major changes is to take full advantage of the opportunities afforded by true shared governance, and

WHEREAS: Using these established structures will give the administration the security that a legitimate, broad, and balanced voice of the faculty is being heard, and

WHEREAS: Shared governance will yield the most productive results and will help avoid unintended consequences in any part the Purdue system, and

WHEREAS: The open and transparent discussion of major issues in the Senates is likely to discourage haste in important matters, and

WHEREAS: The creation of ad-hoc committees with hand-picked faculty members who are designated to “vet” significant policy change is not sufficient, and

WHEREAS: Such groups can give insights, but cannot ever be said truly to represent the faculty, and

WHEREAS: A resolution to this end has already been approved by the Purdue Intercampus Faculty Council,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The President, the Provost, the Board of Trustees, Chancellors, and the rest of the Purdue administration develop and announce all major changes that affect scholarship, teaching, and organization of Purdue while the University Senate and the regional campus Faculty Senates are in session.

All major initiatives should then progress openly through the appropriate committees and then be discussed on the respective Senate floors before they are adopted.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Intercampus Faculty Council,

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