

TO: Fort Wayne Senate

FROM: Senate Executive Committee

DATE: September 21, 2011

SUBJ: Requested extension of mandatory retirement age for Chancellor Wartell

WHEREAS, IPFW Chancellor Michael Wartell is recognized throughout northeast Indiana as providing outstanding leadership for IPFW; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Wartell is responsible for the most significant growth in enrollment and facilities in IPFW's history; and

WHEREAS, The Higher Learning Commission's ten-year accreditation review recognized IPFW as being an outstanding university that is run in a transparent and open manner that fosters a positive learning environment which is due to the leadership of Chancellor Wartell; and

WHEREAS, The implementation of the Decadal Funding effort will be well-served by the continued leadership of Chancellor Wartell; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Wartell's 18 years of service to IPFW will make him an indispensable asset to the planning of IPFW's 50th anniversary in the 2013 – 2014 academic year; and

WHEREAS, A precedent exists for providing extensions to the Purdue University mandatory retirement age of 65 for highly valuable top-level executives; and

WHEREAS, The Fort Wayne Senate expresses a clear preference for the new Purdue University President to be involved in the selection of the new chancellor at IPFW; and

WHEREAS, The members of the IPFW Foundation recognized Chancellor Wartell for his outstanding leadership at its meeting of September 20, 2011, and requested an extension of the mandatory retirement age;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fort Wayne Senate urges the Purdue University Board of Trustees and President to grant a two-year extension to the mandatory upper administration retirement age of 65 for IPFW Chancellor Michael A. Wartell.