

To: Fort Wayne Senate
From: Janet Badia, Speaker of the Indiana University Faculty
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Date: January 19, 2016
Subj: Proposal to Reject Working Group Proposal
Disposition: To be sent to the Indiana University and Purdue University presidents and boards of trustees

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, the Working Group did not provide quantitative and qualitative findings nor did it perform necessary due diligence regarding its proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Working Group is not able to provide a compelling justification for its recommendation; and

WHEREAS, on Friday January 15th Michael Berghoff and Michael Mirro repeatedly referred to questions from faculty as details for the implementation teams to work out; and

WHEREAS, the lack of quantitative and qualitative findings, the lack of a compelling justification for the Working Group recommendation, and Berghoff’s and Mirro’s referral to questions from the faculty as details to be worked out demonstrates that there has been insufficient investigation of this proposal;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Fort Wayne Senate urges that the boards of trustees and presidents of Indiana University and Purdue University reject the proposal from the Working Group.