

To: Fort Wayne Senate
From: Executive Committee
Date: February 8, 2016
Subj: Proposal for Management Agreement Supporting a Multisystem Metropolitan University
Disposition: To be sent to the Indiana University and Purdue University presidents and boards of trustees

WHEREAS, IPFW was designated a Multisystem Metropolitan University in 2015; and

WHEREAS, changes resulting from the new designation will be seen over years and not over months; and

WHEREAS, IPFW has experienced many successes recently and is experiencing many positive trends including:

- Number 1 ranking among all Indiana colleges on student social mobility;
- Top 25% ranking in the United States among regionally accredited institutions for online bachelor's programs, tying with Ball State for the highest ranking achieved by any Indiana institution;
- Higher Learning Commission (HLC) accreditation for 42 years;
- National designation as a Military Friendly School for six years running, and ranking as having one of the top three best online programs for veterans in the country;
- 1,374 baccalaureate degrees and 231 associate degrees awarded in 2015;
- 1,585 freshmen from regional high schools welcomed to IPFW in the fall of 2015, a 9.4 percent increase over fall 2014;
- \$700,000 state grant to develop STEM teacher recruitment and training programs; and
- Admissions running 7% ahead of this time last year and 11.5% ahead of this time two years ago.¹

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Fort Wayne Senate urges the boards of trustees and presidents of Indiana University and Purdue University to consider signing a management agreement which supports the development of a multisystem metropolitan university in accordance with the recommendations of SD 15-17 in concert with Plan 2020 and future IPFW strategic plans.

¹ Admissions data is as of January 25, 2016.