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MEMORANDUM

TO Fort Wayne Senate

FROM: Cigdem Gurgur, Chair  
Senate Executive Committee

DATE: 01/24/2025

SUBJ: Clarifying Amendments to the Constitution of the Fort Wayne Faculty

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WHEREAS, the text of the Constitution should never undergo substantial changes without thorough discussions in the Senate; and

WHEREAS, little corrections to the text, which do not affect or alter the meaning, may not be worth valuable Senate time; and

WHEREAS, it has never stated explicitly who can make proposals for amending the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the here proposed amendments clarify all three points mentioned;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fort Wayne Senate approves of the proposed amendments.

black: old language — green: new — blue: moved — ~~red: stricken~~ — purple: editorial remarks

## I. DEFINITIONS

### A. For the purpose of this document:

1. Purdue University Fort Wayne shall be referred to as “the University” or “PFW,” and the words “major unit” shall mean “college, school, or the library” (where “school” means “school outside a college”);

## VII. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed to the Executive Committee by any member of the Faculty. ~~Amendment of the Constitution shall require the following:~~

### B. Amendment of the Constitution shall require the following:

**A. 1. publication** of the proposed amendment to all members of the Faculty and the Senate;

**~~B.~~ 2. approval** of the proposed amendment **by majority vote** of the Senate;

**~~C.~~ 3. approval** of the proposed amendment **via secret ballot** of the Voting Faculty by a two-thirds majority of those voting or by a simple majority of the Voting Faculty, whichever shall be the less.

– **4.** The amendment shall **become effective** as provided for in the amendment or, failing that, on the first day of the academic year following the completion of the steps above.

**C. Scrivener's errors.** The Clerk of the Senate, after consultation with and the approval of both the Parliamentarian and the Executive Committee, may correct, provided they do not change the intended meaning, minor clerical mistakes in this document without Senate approval. If the Clerk, Parliamentarian, and Executive Committee do, they must give written notice to the Senate, detailing the changes.