



Faculty Senate

MEMORANDUM

TO: Fort Wayne Senate
FROM: Jeffrey Nowak, Chair, Senate Executive Committee
James McHann
DATE: October 31, 2025
RE: Resolution on Purdue University Unified Admissions

WHEREAS, in recent years Purdue University has gone through several reorganizations, acquisitions, and changes in governance and administration policies, systems, and processes, so that the Purdue University System now includes Purdue University West Lafayette (main campus), Purdue University in Indianapolis, Purdue University Fort Wayne, Purdue University Northwest, and Purdue Global; AND

WHEREAS, these changes present ongoing opportunities for the Purdue University System to achieve efficiencies and growth-oriented enhancements that benefit the overall university system and each of its campuses along with the students, communities, and state it serves; AND

WHEREAS, a recent example of these changes are the efforts to create a more unified and efficient IT system within the Purdue University System; AND

WHEREAS, Purdue University West Lafayette annually receives applications from thousands of highly qualified students who cannot be accommodated at the West Lafayette campus, but who would like to earn a Purdue degree; AND

WHEREAS, Purdue University Fort Wayne has capacity to handle many more students without increasing its fixed costs; AND

WHEREAS, many of the students not admitted to Purdue University West Lafayette are redirected to apply to other campuses in the Purdue University System but tend to enroll elsewhere instead due to rejection by Purdue University West Lafayette and to time delays in the redirected application process; AND

WHEREAS, if these students were admitted directly into other Purdue campuses it could increase enrollment and strengthen those campuses and the Purdue University System, AND

WHEREAS, the Purdue University System may benefit from reviewing best practices in unified admission practices in university systems across the United States that may be adapted for adoption by Purdue; AND

WHEREAS, one example of a Big Ten university system's unified admission practice is this: all students complete a common application; they list their top three preferences of the campuses of the university where they would like to study and the degrees or programs of greatest interest to them; the University then rejects or accepts each student into the highest priority university campus and degree or program for which they qualify; AND

WHEREAS, this unified admission practice at the above Big Ten university results in increased enrollments and financial strength at the regional campuses of the university, larger total enrollment and positive impact for the university system, and increased positive impact for all the constituents and stakeholders of the university system;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of Purdue University Fort Wayne requests that the Board of Trustees and the President of the Purdue University System work with the Chancellor, Provost, and Chief Enrollment Officer of Purdue University Fort Wayne, and their counterparts at the other campuses of the Purdue University System, to design and establish a unified admissions process that meets the unique needs of Purdue University; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that applicants who are qualified to be admitted to any campus of the Purdue University System will be admitted to the campus where they can be accommodated and helped to earn a Purdue University degree; AND

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Chancellor of Purdue University Fort Wayne shall provide the Executive Committee and the Purdue University Fort Wayne Faculty Senate with a written status update regarding decisions and actions taken on this resolution before the end of the 2025-2026 Academic Year.