

MEMORANDUM

To: Fort Wayne Senate
FROM: Cigdem Gurgur, Faculty Senator
DATE: 04/13/26
SUBJECT: Amending SD 24-17 (Ad-Hoc Engagement Subcommittee Reporting Line)

WHEREAS, the Senate established the Ad-Hoc Engagement Subcommittee in SD 24-17; and

WHEREAS, SD 24-17 directs the Ad-Hoc Engagement Subcommittee to report to the Senate through the Faculty Affairs Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Engagement Subcommittee requested that the Faculty Affairs Committee review an Engagement Guiding Principles document and bring the document forward to Senate for consideration and vote; and

WHEREAS, the Faculty Affairs Committee voted to not approve the Engagement Guiding Principles document unless the document was changed in ways that ran counter to the vision of the Engagement Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, the communication line between the Engagement Subcommittee and Faculty Affairs Committee has not functioned effectively; and

WHEREAS, attempts to bridge the differences between the two committees have not brought about a resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Senate is ultimately responsible for settling disputes between committees and their subcommittees; and

WHEREAS, the most efficient method of resolving this problem would be for the Engagement Subcommittee to report directly to the Senate;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following sections of SD 24-17 be amended as follows:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate establish an Ad-Hoc Engagement Subcommittee that will report to the ~~Faculty Affairs Committee~~ Senate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that with approval of this resolution, the Ad-Hoc Engagement Subcommittee is approved to meet and conduct business to be submitted to the Senate ~~via the Faculty Affairs Committee~~ during Academic Years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027;”

“Charge: During Academic Years 2025-2026, and 2026-2027, the PFW Senate ~~Faculty Affairs~~ Ad-Hoc Engagement Subcommittee shall be delegated the following responsibilities:

- 1) Regularly convene as needed during fall and spring semesters and provide meeting minutes to the ~~Chair~~ Clerk of the Senate ~~Faculty Affairs Committee for inclusion in the committee’s records~~;
- 2) Elect from its membership each academic year a Chair who will preside over its meetings, guide its members’ work, report progress to the ~~Chair of the Senate Faculty Affairs Committee~~, and ensure any documents approved in the subcommittee are forward to the Faculty ~~Affairs Committee~~ Senate for further action;”

“4) provide regular reports (at a minimum once per semester) to the Senate ~~Faculty Affairs Committee~~ on its progress toward completing proposed revisions of the documents listed above as well as any additional related work that is being completed by the subcommittee or may need to be completed by the ~~Senate Faculty Affairs Committee~~;

5) submit its completed document revisions to the Senate ~~Faculty Affairs Committee~~ no later than March 2027 for approval.”

“If the Ad-Hoc Subcommittee’s work is incomplete at the end of its operating period, the ~~Senate Faculty Affairs Committee~~ will assume responsibility for any remaining business items under consideration in the ad-hoc subcommittee.”