TO: Fort Wayne Senate

FROM: Educational Policy Committee
James Toole, Chair

DATE: February 27, 2012

SUBJ: Proposed Amendment to the IPFW Academic Regulations and Procedures:
Proposal to Change Academic Regulation 3.8.4 – Change of auditing option

DISPOSITION: To the presiding officer for implementation

WHEREAS auditing a course requires completion of the course, as noted in Academic Regulation 6.2, and;

WHEREAS faculty have observed that many students stop attending class after changing from credit to audit status, thereby failing to complete the course, and;

WHEREAS the option of course withdrawal is available to students who do not intend to complete a course, and;

WHEREAS the current deadline for changing from credit to audit status is the same as the current deadline for withdrawing from a course, making it easy for students to change to audit status when they have no intention of completing the course, and;

WHEREAS setting an earlier deadline for changing from credit to audit status would preserve the ability to audit while preventing misuse of the audit status at the withdrawal deadline, and;

WHEREAS approval of the change to audit status should involve the course instructor while also accommodating the needs of distance education students;

BE IT RESOLVED that Academic Regulation 3.8.4 – Change of auditing option be amended as follows:

3.8.4: Change of auditing option. A student may alternate between audit and credit status during an academic session. A change from audit to credit or credit to audit may occur only during the first four six weeks; a change from credit to audit may occur only during the first nine weeks. Changes of auditing status require the signature or written acknowledgment from or and academic advisor next to the appropriate notation on the schedule-revision form.