A Resolution Regarding the Role of the E&T Acting Dean and Representation of E&T Faculty in IUPUI Governance Processes

Whereas the role of faculty governance is established in the constitution and by-laws of IUPUI as vital to the furtherance of the institution; and

Whereas the role of a Dean in campus governance is defined in the IUPUI Faculty Governance Structure and further described in the Faculty Guide as “responsible for advancing each unit’s academic mission”; and

Whereas the Dean advocates for and represents the interest of students, staff, and faculty to campus leadership; and

Whereas IUPUI will not be divided into the separate institutions of Indiana University Indianapolis and Purdue University in Indianapolis until July 1, 2024; and

Whereas faculty in the Purdue School of Engineering and Technology at IUPUI are Indiana University employees, with all of the rights and responsibilities thereof, until July 1, 2024; and

Whereas faculty in the Department of Music and Arts Technology in the Purdue School of Engineering and Technology at IUPUI will continue to be faculty at Indiana University Indianapolis after July 1, 2024; and

Whereas the Acting Dean of the Purdue School of Engineering and Technology at IUPUI has been systematically and intentionally excluded from IUPUI leadership meetings; and

Whereas faculty representation at all levels of campus governance is vital for the stability of learning and information flow for students and personnel alike;

Therefore,

Be it resolved that no Dean or faculty member who is a current member of the IU faculty should be denied the right to represent their school through exclusion or other means within the academic affairs and faculty governance structures; and

Be it further resolved that the faculty of the Purdue School of Engineering and Technology demand that Acting Dean Wallace be included in all regular business and leadership meetings that include deans as a normal course of business until the dissolution of IUPUI is complete; and

Be it further resolved that the interests of the students, faculty, and staff of E&T should be represented in IUPUI governance and included in all regular university processes and procedures throughout the 2023-2024 academic year until the separation.

Vote
Faculty Affairs Committee (6-0-0)
Engineering & Technology Faculty Senate (21-0-0)

Approved by the IUPUI Faculty Council at their meeting on September 5, 2023