

Resolution on Core Campus and System School Report

WHEREAS, multi-campus academic units (i.e. system and core campus schools) have existed within Indiana University for over thirty years and their formation was the result of a series of discussions and actions that were subsequently endorsed by various faculty groups; and thus, changes to this system should also be endorsed by the faculty and

WHEREAS, President Herbert, to his credit and within the context of other structural considerations, initiated a review of multi-campus units and

WHEREAS, it seems clear from the review report that the multi-campus model requires some reconsideration and

WHEREAS, certain problems identified in the review appear to be attributed to problems of decanal authority and conflict between deans and campus academic officers, which will be a continuing issue irrespective of any recommendations made in a review and

WHEREAS, some of the multi-campus units have evolved since their inception over thirty years ago, so that the programs across the campuses have very little in common and

WHEREAS this diversity among programs raises questions about the conditions essential for the establishment and continued existence of multi-campus units that need to be defined, and

WHEREAS, the initial review was essentially an administrative review and did not take into account in any meaningful way the views of faculty and

WHEREAS it is clearly stated in the Faculty Constitution that the academic structure of the university is a matter of concern to the faculty and its views should figure prominently in any consideration of these matters,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the University Faculty Council concurs with the President that the structure of multi-campus units within Indiana University should be reconsidered, but, in a process that must involve the faculty of the units to an extent far greater than has been the case to date.