APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR ADVANCED AUTOMATION & ROBOTICS TECHNOLOGY (AART) EDUCATIONAL TRAINERS FOR ALL REGIONS OFFERING AART

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2015-15

WHEREAS, at the request of President Snyder, College employees are in the process of reviewing vendor responses to a Request for Proposals (RFP) issued by the College and negotiating pricing and terms for the Educational Trainers that meet the College's specifications, and

WHEREAS, as a result of this process Regions offering AART programs will enhance their automation and robotics courses allowing the College to expand nationally recognized certifications and embed the second internationally recognized Siemens Level 2 Mechatronics Certification, and

WHEREAS, based on the evaluation underway of RFP responses submitted on January 22, 2015, the Evaluation Team has determined the value of the contract(s) will exceed $500,000 per vendor with the final decision and overall dollar amount being determined by February 6, 2015, and

WHEREAS, the Evaluation Team is requesting that the Trustees delegate authority to the President to enter into the contracts on behalf of the College to allow the purchase of the educational trainers on or after February 6, 2015 to assure equipment is installed in Spring of 2015 allowing faculty professional development to take place summer 2015 and ensuring all new statewide curriculum and state-of-the-art laboratories are ready for use in the Fall of 2015, and

WHEREAS, the educational trainers are an integral component of the automation and robotics competencies, and will allow the College to transition to the statewide Blackboard Flip Classroom model, reducing and/or eliminating the need for textbooks in many courses, and

WHEREAS, the amount of the contract(s) with the selected vendors may obligate the College in an amount exceeding $500,000 and therefore approval of the Trustees is required pursuant to Article 9 Sec. 1 Subsection 4 of the Trustee By-Laws, and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee of the State Board of Trustees has considered the proposed contract(s) and purchases and recommended that the Board authorize the College to execute the contracts and purchases:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Board of Trustees of the College do hereby authorize and direct the President of the College, or any other officer of the College designated by the President, to sign contracts that result from the RFP process and execute purchase orders with selected vendor(s) for Educational Trainers
after the contract(s) have been reviewed and approved by the College’s General Counsel, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, the State Trustees direct the President, or his designee, to provide a report to the Trustees at the April 2015 meeting including the names of the vendors awarded contracts and the amounts of those contracts.

State Trustees
Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana

Richard Halderman, Chairman

Michael Dora, Secretary

Dated: February 5, 2015