ENGAGEMENT EXPECTATIONS FOR STATE BOARD MEMBERS

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2008–52

WHEREAS, Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana ("Ivy Tech") is unique in the nation as the only statewide community college with a single accreditation, and

WHEREAS, one of the unique characteristics and strengths of Ivy Tech is the College’s governance structure which includes a single state board of trustees consisting of 14 members, each member residing in one of the College’s 14 administrative regions, and

WHEREAS, the College’s state trustees bring valuable skills and talents to the College, and

WHEREAS, the College will benefit from the meaningful engagement with each state trustee, and

WHEREAS, the College needs active and vibrant trustees to help shape and monitor the vision, mission, and strategic plan, and

WHEREAS, the College hopes each trustee brings wisdom, wealth, and work to the College, and

WHEREAS, the State Trustees desire to set the example for fulfilling engagement expectations for state board members, and

WHEREAS, the State Trustees believe that the regional trustees should be held to similar expectations and will thereby approve Resolution Number 2008-53 that includes engagement expectations for regional trustees;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the State Board of Trustees of Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana adopts the following guidelines for its members concerning their responsibilities, expectations and engagement:

1. Become acquainted with the orientation materials and attend a new trustee orientation session conducted by the College’s leadership.

2. Support the College’s vision, mission and goals.

3. Understand and help blend the state’s economic development vision with the College’s programming.

4. Understand and help blend the College’s diversity vision with the College’s programming.

5. Support the College’s workforce development efforts.
6. Fully embrace and comply with the approved Trustee Conflict of Interest and Code of Conduct policies.

7. Review materials prepared for each board meeting and attend at least 80% of the regularly scheduled meetings.

8. Serve on a committee and support other special assignments as may be requested by the president or board chair.

9. Respect the confidentiality of the Board’s Executive Session discussions and refer all questions by the media to the board chair or the designated spokesperson of the College.

10. Participate in scheduled board planning retreats and board evaluation sessions.

11. Attend at least one commencement ceremony annually.

12. Attend, as time allows, other regularly scheduled College events.

13. Participate in College-sponsored meetings with state and local legislators and advocates for state funds for operations and capital expansions.

14. Represent and promote the College while serving on boards, attending social gatherings, and when meeting with state and local elected officials.

15. Continue to increase knowledge about contemporary issues in higher education in Indiana, in the College, and in the nation.

16. Make a personal annual financial contribution to Ivy Tech Foundation and assist the foundation in identifying key potential donors, cultivating potential donors, and raising funds in support of annual and capital campaigns.

17. Support and embrace the College’s strategic plan and values.

State Trustees
Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana

Kaye H. Whitehead, Chairman

Anne K. Shane, Secretary

Dated December 11, 2008