## APPROVAL OF STATEWIDE STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE

## **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2013-13**

WHEREAS, the College is committed to an affordable pathway to higher education by keeping tuition and fee increases to a minimum, and

WHEREAS, The College in 2004, when accepting the \$12.5 million grant from the Lilly Foundation to recruit and retain intellectual capital, embarked on a course of action to pursue initiatives that would enhance the Ivy Tech "student experience," and

WHEREAS, The College's in Spring 2011 adopted a statewide Student Life model with defined mission, scope of activity, and funding lines for each of the 14 regions, and

WHEREAS, the goals of the Student Life model are to increase student engagement, satisfaction, retention, degree completion and to foster learning inside and outside the classroom, and

WHEREAS, The College has experienced growth in the number of student enrolled and in student demands for increases in the number and quality of Student Life programming regionally and centrally, and

WHEREAS, The College currently allocates \$0.53 per credit hour to student life activities, approved and unchanged since 1991, which is significantly lower than other nationally recognized community colleges and four-year regional campuses in Indiana, and

WHEREAS, the College is the single higher education institution in Indiana without a designated activity fee;

WHEREAS, The Student Government Association Presidents' Council, by unanimous vote, recommended that the College create a student activity fee in the amount of \$1.00 per credit to support increased and enhanced Student Life programs and services effective Fall 2013, and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the State Board of Trustees authorize and direct appropriate college personnel to craft regional plans, designed to enrich co-curricular student life activities, to be funded by the implementation of the \$1.00 per credit hour student activity fee and the existing \$0.53 activity allocation; provided, the approval of such plans by the Office of the President, and Chief Financial Officer, and further provided that the Indiana Commission for Higher Education approve the \$1.00 student activity fee.

**State Trustees** 

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