

**APPROVAL OF THE IVY TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF INDIANA
LEGISLATIVE REQUEST FOR OPERATING AND
LINE ITEM FUNDS FOR THE 2016-17 BIENNIUM**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2014-68

WHEREAS, the College is required by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education and Indiana General Assembly to submit a request for Operating and Line Item Funds as part of the biennial budget request process (“Request”), and

WHEREAS, said Request for Operating and Line Item Funds is being prepared by the College administration in conjunction with the Budget and Finance Committee of the State Trustees, and

WHEREAS, the state of Indiana ranks 41st in the nation in educational attainment and has been ranked in the bottom ten in the country for over three decades, and

WHEREAS, the state’s attainment ranking is the lowest amongst Big Ten states and has increased by only one percent over the last four years, and

WHEREAS, the number of Indiana residents holding an Associate degree has increased by over 26,000 from 2010 to 2012 as compared to an increase of just over 11,000 for those holding a Bachelor’s degree, and

WHEREAS, it is clear that Ivy Tech Community College is the institution of higher education that will impact the state’s attainment levels the most over the next decade and is the main driver as Indiana strives to reach the Big Goal attainment levels, and

WHEREAS, Ivy Tech continues to provide the greatest return on investment amongst institutions of higher education, and

WHEREAS, Ivy Tech graduates on average out earn graduates of all other institutions of higher education in their first year in the workforce, and

WHEREAS, the College’s performance under the Commission’s performance funding formula has been excellent, yet the College remains the lowest funded institution in the state at just over \$1,200 per student which is over \$11,000 less per student than the highest funded school and over \$3,000 less than select regional campuses, and

WHEREAS, the lack of funding has resulted in Ivy Tech being forced to defer the hiring of additional full time advisors and full time faculty along with the purchasing additional training equipment, and

WHEREAS, performance funding does not cover this gap but instead only incentivizes institutions who have a fully funded base, and

WHEREAS, the current ratio of students per full-time advisors is 1,000 to 1, and

WHEREAS, currently only 23 percent of the faculty are full-time, putting Ivy Tech in the bottom 10th percentile in the country, and

WHEREAS, to meet the educational attainment goals of the state, the College needs additional academic advisors, full-time faculty and equipment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Request for Operating and Line Item Funds is hereby approved for submission to the appropriate state authorities, and

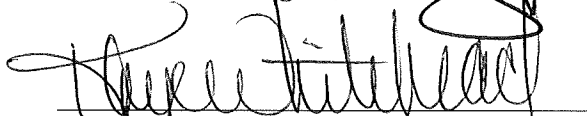
FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Trustees do hereby authorize and direct the President and any other appropriate, designated College employee to submit the Request and provide necessary documentation to all appropriate state authorities in support of the Request, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the College President or his designee is authorized to make any necessary changes in the Request as final documentation is assembled and submitted, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board urges favorable consideration of the Request including new line item requests for additional academic advisors, full-time faculty and equipment by the Commission, the State Budget Committee and Indiana General Assembly.

**State Trustees
Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana**



Steve Schreckengast, Chairman

Kaye Whitehead, Secretary

Dated August 7, 2014