

## **A Constitution for the Indiana University School of Education Council**

A framework for university-wide cooperation shall be established, with the intent to ensure that Indiana University School of Education professional education programs best serve the interests of the students for whom they were designed, that the traditions of local campus autonomy and faculty governance of academic programs are preserved and promoted, and that all School of Education programs, wherever housed or delivered, meet relevant state and national accreditation standards.

### ***Article I: Local Campus Governance Bodies***

#### **Section 1. Establishment**

Each Indiana University campus shall organize a faculty-based, professional education program governance body (hereafter referred to as a "campus governance body").

#### **Section 2. Authority**

Each campus governance body shall oversee those professional education programs unique to that campus.

Each campus governance body shall share oversight of common professional education programs offered through that campus, through membership on the Indiana University School of Education Council.

#### **Section 3. Definitions**

A "unique" professional education program is one which leads to a degree or professional certificate or credential, which is conferred or recommended on only one campus.

A "common" professional education program is one which leads to a degree or professional certificate or credential, which is conferred or recommended on more than one campus.

### ***Article II. School of Education Governance Body***

#### **Section 1. Establishment**

An Indiana University-wide, faculty-based, professional education program governance body shall be established. This body shall be referred to as the School of Education Council.

#### **Section 2. Authority**

The School of Education Council (or "Education Council") shall review all common professional education programs offered at Indiana University.

The Education Council's responsibilities shall be limited to programmatic issues and concerns, and shall not extend to matters involving individual faculty members or students, or to unique professional education programs.

The principal functions of the Education Council shall be to:

Approve new common professional education programs and courses.

Approve modifications to common professional education programs and courses.

Resolve conflicting policies and procedures which affect common professional education programs.

Provide a forum for discussion of issues and policies affecting both unique and common professional education programs throughout the School of Education.

### **Section 3. Composition**

The University Dean of the Indiana University School of Education shall chair the School of Education Council. The Chair shall vote only in the case of a tie.

The Education Council shall consist of thirteen faculty voting members, as follows:

Seven faculty members from the Bloomington – Indianapolis core campus.

One faculty member each from the East, Fort Wayne, Kokomo, Northwest, South Bend and Southeast campuses.

The campus governance body at each Indiana University campus shall determine its own method of identifying its representative(s) to the Education Council.

### **Section 4. Meetings**

The School of Education Council shall meet on a regular basis, but not less than twice per academic year, on a schedule to be determined by the Chair.

Education Council meeting sites shall be rotated among the eight Indiana University campuses, on a schedule to be determined by the Chair.

Conduct of all Education Council meetings shall be governed by *Robert's Rules of Order*.

### **Section 5. Quorum**

A quorum of the School of Education Council shall consist of a majority of the voting members.

***Article III: Amendments***

An amendment to this Constitution or its bylaws may be proposed by a majority vote of any campus governance body, or by a majority vote of the School of Education Council, or by the Education Council's Agenda Committee.

All proposals to amend the Constitution or bylaws shall be directed to the Chair of the Education Council. The Chair shall bring proposed amendments forward for Education Council action. Approval by the Education Council requires a majority vote.

Following Education Council approval, a proposed amendment shall be reviewed and voted upon by each campus governance body. Approval of amendments by campus governance bodies requires a majority vote.

The results of campus governance body votes on proposed amendments shall be forwarded to the Chair of the Education Council.

To be ratified, proposed Constitutional or bylaw amendments must be approved by a majority of campus governance bodies.

Amendments ratified by a majority of campus governance bodies shall go into effect immediately.

***Article IV: Scope***

The functions of the Indiana University School of Education Council are limited to those granted by this Constitution and its bylaws.

No campus governance body shall infringe on the functions which this Constitution and its bylaws grant to the School of Education Council.

The School of Education Council shall not interpret or apply this Constitution or its bylaws in such a manner as to infringe upon campus governance body oversight of unique professional education programs.

***Article V: Ratification***

This Constitution and bylaws shall be in effect from the date of ratification by a majority of campus governance bodies.