

**ESTABLISHING INSTITUTIONAL NEUTRALITY POLICY REQUIRED UNDER
SENATE ENROLLED ACT 202-2024**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2024-52

WHEREAS, the Indiana General Assembly passed Senate Enrolled Act 202-2024, which establishes 39.5 as a new chapter of Indiana Code under Title 21 that requires the Ivy Tech Community College State Board of Trustees ("Board") to adopt a policy on the neutrality of Ivy Tech Community College ("College"); and

WHEREAS, Indiana Code ("Statute") 21-39.5-4-1 states that the policy must make a distinction between the official positions of the College, including its schools and departments, from the individual viewpoints of the College's employees, contractors, students, and alumni; and

WHEREAS, Statute further requires that the policy must limit the circumstances in which an employee or group of employees from the College may establish an official institution, school, or department position on political, moral, or ideological issues to only those circumstances that affect the core mission of the College and its values of free inquiry, free expression, and intellectual diversity; and

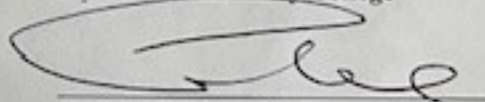
WHEREAS, the College has established an Academic Support and Operations group that makes recommendations regarding academic policy for the College that are published in an Academic Support and Operations Manual ("ASOM"); and

WHEREAS, the College is committed to the principles of freedom of expression as expressed in the ASOM's prelude and statement of Academic Freedom.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board hereby adopts the Policy on Institutional Neutrality attached as Exhibit A as the official policy statement of Ivy Tech Community College as required by Statute.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the State Trustees do hereby authorize and direct the President or other appropriate designated College employee to complete actions necessary to fulfill the purpose of this resolution.

State Trustees
Ivy Tech Community College


Andrew Wilson, Chairperson


Michael Dora, Secretary