50 Years of IPFW and what’s next – a faculty perspective

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IPFW Senate
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IPFW - unique name, unique university

Pre-IPFW history:
1917 – IU extension, 142 students (Floyd Neff – director 1918-1951);
1942 – PU extension;
Alfred Kettler – community leader with a vision of two universities
one great campus. 1950’s Indiana-Purdue Foundation buys the land.

IPFW 1964-1975 (the early years):
1960 – Site selected
1961 – Breaking ground
1964 – Education Building (Kettle Hall) opens doors, 3100 students
Purdue University moved in Aug. 8, IU – Aug. 17
Two chancellors, two Faculty Senates, two separate entities (even building was symmetrical).
1960 IPFW site
1961 Breaking Ground
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IPFW 1975-2014 (building the identity):

1971 – Students vote common mascot, the Mastodon.

1975 – Donald Schwartz 1st Chancellor, 1st Management Agreement;

1975-1988 – Merging Departments, programs, services (registrar and admissions), shared governance;

1988 – Common P&T procedure, accepted by a common IPFW Senate; final approval by separate Boards and Presidents;

(unification is completed, Kettler’s vision accomplished)

1997 – 2014 – Enrollment and Campus growth, Student Housing, Division I Athletics (Speaker joined IPFW);

2014 – 1st Professional doctorate (DNP) approved by ICHE delivered by the Purdue System;

IPFW Impact: Over 55,000 alumni, 75% of who stayed in the region.
What’s next

2014-2020 Strategic Plan in place;
USAP – University Strategic Alignment Process;
IPFW P&T Taskforce – coordinate with Purdue System-wide P&T efforts;
Capitalize on the uniqueness of the institution – evenly distributed IU and PU programs, students, and faculty;
This diversity programs, students, and faculty contributes significantly to the strength of the Purdue System.

**Conclusion:** Whether classified as such or not, IPFW is a multi-system comprehensive institution.
IPFW News

Enrollment – 2014 was the largest graduating class ever; slight decline on the back-end of the recession bump in 2008-2009; 13,214 students enrolled in 129,934 credit hours

$3.4 million gift from Weitzman estate;

IPFW kicked off the official 50th Celebration on Sept. 15;

IPFW governance – early draft of Purdue system plan studied an IU-system like governance and recommended direct report link between Chancellors and President;

IPFW Fall Bus Tour – Dinner hosted by President Daniels, lunch hosted by Sonny Beck at Beck’s Hybrid.
Concurrent enrollment is important, provides affordability;
Looming deficit in qualified teacher-faculty (degree+1 accreditation rule);
25% of CE credits come to IPFW, 75% elsewhere (PUWL included);
Board needs to develop a strategy for meeting the mission in 3-5 years!