

Questions

PWL and Regional Campuses.....

What do you envision as the best possible relationship between Purdue WL and a regional campus, like PFW? What is the proper balance that PFW should seek to strike between planning for its own continued growth as a university in its own right and the support that it might expect both to give to and also receive from Purdue WL? How do we coexist and prosper together without trying simply to outcompete each other? By the way, I have posed only one question but in three different ways.

- The relationship across the Purdue University System is one built on collaboration, mutual respect, and a shared commitment to advancing Purdue's land-grant mission of serving Indiana residents. Together, we can enhance educational opportunities and economic development across the state by leveraging our unique strengths—the main campus as a flagship research institution and both Fort Wayne and Northwest as vital regional hubs for accessible, high-quality education.

Grant Opportunities.....

I started as an Assistant Professor of History at IPFW in 2000. When we were IPFW (before the 2018 split), Indiana University provided many system-wide grant opportunities that extended to faculty at regional campuses (e.g., IU New Frontiers grants) that provided generous support for research, conferences, etc. However, when we became PFW in 2018 those sources of support vanished. Unfortunately, PWL has not provided us (here at PFW) the same level of support for research that IUB provided. To be frank, it isn't even close. That's why I was so excited to hear about the Purdue University Books Initiative, which provides substantial support for faculty who publish books. However, after I investigated the details, I learned that this support is limited to PWL faculty (faculty from other campuses are only eligible if they coauthor with a PWL faculty member). I was told that the Purdue Books Initiative is only open to PWL faculty because it is only budgeted for PWL faculty. Here's my question: would it be possible to add more funds and make the Purdue Books Initiative available to faculty at regional campuses too (without the requirement of coauthoring with a PWL faculty)?

- The Purdue University Books Initiative was launched to recognize the significant time and effort involved in academic book publishing. While the initiative is currently budgeted for main campus faculty, staff, and graduate students, faculty from Purdue Fort Wayne and Purdue Northwest are eligible if they coauthor with a faculty member from the main campus, encouraging greater systemwide collaboration. Launching a similar initiative is a decision for campus leadership, as demonstrated by Purdue Northwest's creation of a seed funding program last year to support faculty working on book proposals or existing book contracts.

Voting on Campus.....

Going forward, what specific procedures will the Administration follow to assure that planning and coordination with the County Board of Election for early and election-day voting happens well in advance of the BOE's deadlines?

- Early voting sites and on campus voting sites are selected at the sole discretion of the Tippecanoe County Board of Elections & Registration. Purdue fully supports the selection of voting sites that serve the best interests of the full Tippecanoe County community, as determined by the Board. When campus sites meet the necessary requirements, Purdue will propose suitable locations to the Tippecanoe County Board of Elections & Registration for consideration during each election cycle. Purdue's Auxiliary Services Conferences and Events team has integrated voting site planning and selection into its recurring calendar of events, to aid timely planning and coordination with the Board.