

Faculty Resolution
Extension of Boundaries for In State Tuition
to Include Darke and Preble Counties in Ohio

Whereas, the location of Indiana University East (IUE) on the Ohio border limits both access of students to IUE and access of IUE to students;

Ohio students, who must pay out of state tuition, often choose other institutions that are farther away or choose not to seek higher education. The reduction of out of state tuition to match in state tuition for residents of Darke and Preble counties would benefit IUE as well as the people of the region.

Whereas, the Indiana-Ohio state line is of decreasing relevance to people living in the region; Ohio residents may work in Indiana and pay Indiana county income taxes, shop in Indiana and pay Indiana sales taxes, and also use the resources of Wayne County. They also expect to be able to obtain higher education here. Out of state tuition places a greater economic burden on families who may already have limited resources.

Whereas, the opportunity to receive a quality education at an affordable cost is essential in a region that is moving away from a rural or manufacturing economy; A substantial percentage of Ohio residents already work in Wayne County, where IUE is located. An increase in the market area for IUE would increase the overall number of students at IUE and may support specific programs that now have limited enrollment when drawing only on the current region.

Whereas, IUE has developed a proposal to address this issue that has been previously forwarded to the President's office;

Be it resolved that:

The IUE Faculty Senate supports this extension of the boundaries for in-state tuition into Darke and Preble counties in Ohio. Whether or not these students are counted in the figures for enrollment change funding, **we ask that access for students be considered a priority and request that tuition reduction to in-state levels be initiated for residents of Darke and Preble counties in Ohio.**

Passed unanimously by the Indiana University East Faculty Senate, March 6, 2001

Susan J Shapiro – President of the IUE Faculty Senate