IVY TECH PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL JUNIOR COLLEGE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION DIVISION II

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2022-14

WHEREAS, in May of 2017 the Ft. Wayne Campus of Ivy Tech Community College joined the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division II for the purpose of offering students the opportunity to play intercollegiate baseball while pursuing their college studies and to provide an additional strategy to increase enrollment, improve student success, and deepen the relationship between the community and the College, and

WHEREAS, on April 5, 2019, the State Trustees authorized the Ft. Wayne campus to compete in the NJCAA Division II in baseball and other sports provided that the Intercollegiate Athletics Program ("Program") at the Ft. Wayne Campus be 100% funded by external sources (e.g. private funding, in-kind support, etc.) and use no state funds appropriated to the College, or student fees, or other College funds to pay any of the expenses of the Program, and

WHEREAS, the Student Life and Development Office at the Ft. Wayne Campus managed the baseball program and has presented the relevant data associated with the program to the State Trustees, and

WHEREAS, the relevant data includes the costs associated with the operation of the program, the source of funds used to support the program, the number of student-athletes involved in the program, as well as the academic success of team members, and

WHEREAS, the College's administration evaluated the issues, including Title IX compliance and costs related to the operation of the expansion of athletics, and

WHEREAS, the Ft. Wayne Campus has been unable to raise enough funds from external sources to support baseball and other sports, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Indiana law the Board of Trustees of Ivy Tech Community College has responsibility for the management and policies of Ivy Tech Community College and its campuses within the framework of laws enacted by the General Assembly.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Trustees do hereby instruct the College to discontinue participation in NJCAA Division II in baseball and other sports as of June 30, 2023. Having reviewed and considered the relevant data and associated costs with the operation of athletics, the State Trustees will not reconsider participation in the NJCAA for a minimum period of three (3) years.

STATE BOARD OF TRUSTEES IVY TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF INDIANA

Stephanie Bibbs, Chairman

Kim Emmert O'Dell, Secretary

Dated: April 7, 2022