

Academic Affairs Committee of the IUPUI Faculty Council
Review of Proposed Policy on “Transfer Credit Related to Military Service”
November 17, 2014

The Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) reviewed the proposed policy on “Transfer Credit Related to Military Service.” The AAC believes that the proposed policy will greatly benefit Indiana’s veterans and meets the goals set forth in SB 331 and aligns well with the general policies and procedures at IUPUI.

The main focus of discussion was the proposal to award up to 15 credits for basic training while Purdue will grant up to 8 credits. The AAC discussion would have benefitted from knowing the rationale for choosing those numbers of credits and the basis for the difference between IU and Purdue. The Chair of the AAC (John Watson) sought out Michael Yard, Senior Lecturer in Biology and retired Army Colonel. After reading the proposed policy, Mr. Yard offered the opinion that either 8 or 15 credits were “far too many” for basic training. He suggested the following wording: “Due to the fact that each military school/course has unique ‘Learning Outcomes’ required for successful completion, and each is completed within different time frames (weeks to years), requests for undergraduate credit will be evaluated individually. College Credits from 1-15 hrs may be awarded.” He also referred the AAC to the following the American Council on Education webpage about evaluating education experiences of veterans: <http://www.acenet.edu/news-room/Pages/Military-Guide-Online.aspx> .