LETTER FROM DR. NUNEZ FORWARDED TO ALL EDUCATIONAL STUDIES STUDENTS
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Dear Educational Studies Students,

You have all likely received some very distressing news about cuts in programs and departments at IPFW, and I want you to know that I am very sorry for the abruptness with which all of this was announced. It has come as a surprise to faculty and staff here in the College of Education and Public Policy as well.

Please know that IPFW is not abandoning the preparation of high school teachers. We are now working on restructuring the way programs are titled and organized, but almost all-secondary preparation programs will continue to be offered, with some under new names. If you are one of the students in the few programs that are directly affected (Earth/Space Science Education, French Teaching, or German Teaching), we are committed to seeing you through to your degree and we’ll be in contact soon.

I also know that degree completion is not the only way your education is affected, and that the elimination of departments and majors closes potential avenues of exploration in your college journey. I hope that you will join with your fellow students in expressing your reaction to these closures and to the message it sends about the value of a liberal arts education and the purpose of IPFW as an institution. One opportunity is the Rally and Teach-in that will take place on October 26 and 27, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. between Bon Bon’s and Kettler Hall, by the Obelisk.

If you would like to talk to someone more privately, please feel free to visit me in NF250Q or arrange to meet with your advisor. The Student Assistance Program is also having walk-in hours from 8:30 to 1 p.m. on Thursday and from noon to 4:30 on Friday.

And don’t worry—we’re here for you!
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