



MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
TRUSTEES OF PURDUE UNIVERSITY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MAY 22, 2013

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of The Trustees of Purdue University convened at 2:30 p.m. on May 22, 2013 in Room 326 of Stewart Center, Purdue University West Lafayette, Indiana.

Roll call was taken, with the following committee members present in person or, where specifically noted, by means of electronic communication pursuant to the Electronic Meeting Policy: Keith Krach, chair (by phone), Michael Berghoff, Thomas Spurgeon, and Bruce White. JoAnn Brouillette was not in attendance. Other trustees in attendance were Vanessa Castagna (by phone), John Hardin (by phone), Miranda McCormack, and Don Thompson (by phone). Gary Lehman was not in attendance. Chairman Krach noted that a quorum of the Executive Committee was present.

Also in attendance were: Mitch Daniels, President; Tim Sands, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost; Al Diaz, Executive Vice President for Business and Finance, Treasurer; Jim Almond, Senior Vice President for Business Services and Assistant Treasurer; Tom Parent, Legal Counsel; and Janice Indrutz, Corporate Secretary.

I. PURPOSE OF MEETING

Chairman Krach reviewed that the purpose of this meeting of the Executive Committee was to conduct a tuition and fee hearing as required by state statute, and also to request a final vote on the 2014 fiscal year conceptual budget and tuition and fees for fiscal years 2014 and 2015. He noted that the proposed tuition and fees were announced and made available on May 9, 2013, following the meeting of the Finance Committee. The opportunity for public comment was made available on all four campuses, with the regional campuses participating in this meeting by video conference.

II. REMARKS BY PRESIDENT DANIELS

President Daniels noted that, since 1978, tuition and fees have risen nationally at three times the rate of inflation, and in the last decade, Purdue's tuition and fees have increased 35% above inflation. He shared that, historically, co-op fees have increased every year on record and meal plan rates have increased every year since 1974, with meal plans being the second largest cost component. In contrast, the proposed fees call for a 5% reduction in the cost of each food plan and a 57% reduction of the co-operative education fee. President Daniels hoped the Board would agree these are prudent steps to take, and they make a statement that affordability and accessibility are a shared, primary goal.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT AND REMARKS FROM THE BOARD

Being that no one from the public requested or was present to make remarks, Chairman Krach called upon the Board for their comments. Trustee McCormack was pleased with the university's decision to freeze tuition. She thanked President Daniels for his leadership in this regard and believes this is one of many steps in the right direction. Trustee Berghoff pointed out the comprehensiveness of the reductions, saying it is important not to overlook that the reductions touch many levels. Trustee White stated these steps are symbolic. He reassured that the quality of what the university delivers will not suffer as a result of the cost reductions resulting from the tuition freeze, and the process of looking for cost saving measures will identify efficiencies to enhance the value for students and allow them to graduate with less student debt. Chairman Krach shared that positive feedback was received from students, parents, and alumni, and he thanked President Daniels and the Trustees for showing leadership that will have an impact beyond Purdue.

IV. APPROVAL OF FY 2014 AND FY 2015 PROPOSED STUDENT FEE RATES

Upon proper motion duly seconded, the quorum of the Executive Committee voted unanimously by roll-call vote to approve the FY 2014 and FY 2015 proposed student fee rates.

V. APPROVAL OF FY 2014 CONCEPTUAL BUDGET

Upon proper motion duly seconded, the quorum of the Executive Committee voted unanimously by roll-call vote to approve the FY 2014 conceptual budget.

Chairman Krach noted that with the approval of the conceptual budget, the final budget will be presented to the Board in a governance report this fall.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

By consent, the meeting adjourned at 2:49 p.m.