WHEREAS, Dr. Timothy D. Sands has served on the Purdue University faculty since 2002 as the Basil S. Turner Professor of Engineering in the schools of Materials Engineering and Electrical and Computer Engineering; and

WHEREAS, he served from 2006-2010 as the Mary Jo and Robert L. Kirk Director of the Birck Nanotechnology Center in Purdue's Discovery Park; and

WHEREAS, in 2010 he was named executive vice president for academic affairs and provost and also has been responsible for the colleges and schools and related academic activities for the Purdue West Lafayette and regional campuses in coordination with the Office of the President; and

WHEREAS, he also administered the appointment and retention of faculty and academic staff as well as the libraries, cultural centers, and enrollment management including admissions, registrar and financial aid, and various student success programs; and

WHEREAS, he served as acting president from July 16, 2012, to January 14, 2013, while awaiting the arrival of Purdue’s 12th President, Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, he has worked diligently on behalf of our students by encouraging the introduction of innovative new methods of teaching and learning and supporting student success initiatives that are resulting in improved graduation rates and record student retention levels; and

WHEREAS, he has worked closely with deans and faculty, addressing their needs and gaining the continued respect of the entire University community; and

WHEREAS, he has operated as principal investigator on millions of dollars in research funding, grants and contracts, helping to advance Purdue’s research enterprise; and

WHEREAS, during his time at Purdue he has received numerous awards and honors for his research and academic merits; and

WHEREAS, he has served actively in leadership roles in numerous professional organizations, helping to broaden the research community in his fields of study; and

WHEREAS, he, along with his wife Laura Sands, the Katherine Birck Professor of Nursing, have earned the respect and gratitude of the entire Purdue community; and
WHEREAS, he has now accepted the position of president at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, also known as Virginia Tech;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE TRUSTEES OF PURDUE UNIVERSITY:

1. That the Trustees recognize Dr. Timothy D. Sands for his extraordinary impact on Purdue University during his tenure as faculty member, administrator, acting president and provost; and

2. That Drs. Tim and Laura Sands are to again be congratulated and thanked for their enormous contributions to our University; and

3. That the Trustees express their deep appreciation for Dr. Sands’ unflagging leadership and willingness to serve; and

4. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Trustees as part of the permanent record of the University.

MAY 16, 2014

Thomas E. Spurgeon
Chairman

Janice A. Indrutz
Secretary