A meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees convened in Room 326 of Stewart Center, Purdue University West Lafayette, Indiana, at 1:35 p.m. on Thursday, September 25, 2014.

All committee members were present: JoAnn Brouillette, chair; Vanessa Castagna; John Hardin; Kelsey Quin; and Patty Hart (ex-officio). Other trustees present were Sonny Beck, Michael Berghoff, Thomas Spurgeon, Don Thompson, and Bruce White. Gary Lehman was not present. Also in attendance were: Mitch Daniels, President; Deba Dutta, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost; Bill Sullivan, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer; Jim Almond, Senior Vice President for Business Services, and Assistant Treasurer; Steve Schultz, Legal Counsel; and Janice Indrutz, Executive Assistant to the Board and Corporate Secretary.

I. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS

As recommended by Provost Dutta, and upon proper motions each duly seconded, the Academic Affairs Committee voted unanimously to request full Board approval of the following appointments: Dr. Gregory W. Arling as the Katherine Birck Chair in the School of Nursing; Dr. Michael C. Loui as the Dale and Suzi Gallagher Professor in Engineering Education; and Dr. Ming Ming Chiu as the Charles R. Hicks Professor in the College of Education.

Dr. Arling remarked that his appointment was a great honor and a great opportunity, and he recognized Dr. Laura Sands, who previously held the appointment. Dr. Arling also said that nursing is critical to the future of long-term care, and he outlined three goals of his research. Chairman Spurgeon conveyed Mrs. Birck’s congratulations and best wishes to Dr. Arling.

Dr. Loui said he was honored by the appointment. He thanked the Gallaghers for their generosity, the School of Engineering Education for inviting him to accept the appointment, and his wife for her support. He also acknowledged the students and colleagues with whom he had collaborated, saying the professorship was really a testament to the quality and impact of their efforts.

Dr. Chiu expressed his thanks and briefly discussed his research, which he hoped would not only help more Purdue students, but help them graduate early.

All supporting documents were filed with the minutes.

II. APPROVAL TO CHANGE THE ACADEMIC ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT REPORTING LINES OF THE ANIMAL DISEASE AND DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY (ADDL)

Provost Dutta requested approval of a proposal to change the academic organizational unit reporting lines of the Animal Disease and Diagnostic Laboratory (ADDL) from the College
of Agriculture to the College of Veterinary Medicine. He outlined the three reasons for the change, which included a recommendation from the American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education, and he acknowledged the College of Agriculture for its effective administration of the ADDL. Trustee Hardin briefly explained the history of Purdue’s administration of the ADDL. Upon proper motion duly seconded, the Academic Affairs Committee voted unanimously to request full Board approval of the proposal. A supporting document was filed with the minutes.

III. APPROVAL TO RENAME THE FORESTRY AND NATURAL RESOURCES FARM

Provost Dutta requested approval to change the name of the Purdue University Forestry and Natural Resources Farm, located at 555 North Sharon Chapel Road in West Lafayette, to the Richard G. Lugar Forestry Farm. The request was based on Mr. Lugar’s many contributions to Purdue, Indiana, and the nation, his commitment to science-based improvement in forestry generally and hardwood trees specifically, and his leadership during a distinguished career of public service spanning seven decades. Trustee Hardin remarked that Senator Lugar was seminal in his leadership on environmental issues. Upon proper motion duly seconded, the Academic Affairs Committee voted unanimously to request full Board approval of this name change. A supporting document was filed with the minutes.

IV. PRESENTATION: COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Dr. Leah H. Jamieson, the John A. Edwardson Dean of Engineering, made a presentation to the Committee. She thanked the members of the Board, which she said was pivotal in creating the opportunity for the College of Engineering to expand. She discussed the drivers for growing engineering, provided data, outlined eight goals for impact, and pointed out that many opportunities to innovate had emerged from the growth and transformation. Dean Jamieson encouraged the Board members to visit the fourth floor of the new Wang Hall to see the use of the swing space, and she made a case for updating classrooms in buildings that were undergoing renovation. She concluded her presentation with a review of the College’s challenges, as well as opportunities for the future, and she introduced members of the College of Engineering growth, planning, and leadership team who were in attendance.

Trustee Castagna thanked Dean Jamieson for her leadership and vision and for being a great role model. In response to a question from Trustee Berghoff, Dean Jamieson spoke at length about the nature of Engineering’s faculty searches and how they were conducted. Trustee Thompson echoed Trustee Castagna’s comments and said it was exciting to see the College of Engineering moving in this direction. He also asked how the College had addressed diversity as it brought forth candidates.

A copy of Dean Jamieson’s presentation was filed with the minutes.

V. ADJOURNMENT

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