MEMORANDUM

TO:        Debasish Dutta, Provost

FROM:      Gary Bertoline, Dean

DATE:      March 27, 2015

RE:        New Degree Program

We are proud to submit our proposal for a Bachelor of Science in Transdisciplinary Studies in Technology offered by the College of Technology at Purdue University in the West Lafayette campus. It is aligned with the Purdue 2013 strategic direction in undergraduate education: accessibility, affordability, and student success. This degree is a faculty-driven initiative with broad support from the President and Board of Trustees who approved the Purdue Polytechnic Initiative as one of the ten Purdue Moves initiatives. The degree architecture supports the student's intrinsic motivation by combining technology and other fields of study to identify and explore a contemporary issue that serves as their foundation for their learning plan. The degree is competency-based, allowing the students to learn as fast as they can without barriers and as slow as they need without penalties. It is focused on educational attainment ensuring that students graduate when they can demonstrate expertise in a set of key competencies.

The degree proposal has been vetted through the governance process in the College of Technology and the Associate Deans from the other colleges on the West Lafayette Campus. Administrative offices involved in the logistics such as the offices of the registrar, bursar, financial aid, enrollment management, and IT, have also been key collaborators in making this degree logistically feasible.

Recommended Approval: Debasish Dutta, Provost

Approved: Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., President

Date 3-27-15

Date 3-30-15