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I. ROLL CALL

Chairman Berghoff observed that all members of the Board were present.

II. FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

Chairman Berghoff drew the Board’s attention to the schedule of future meetings and commencements through 2016, as listed on the agenda. He explained why four meeting dates had been changed from the previously-published schedule.

III. REPORTS FROM BOARD COMMITTEES

A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

JoAnn Brouillette, chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, reported that the Committee met on December 18, 2015, and voted to recommend full Board approval of several items, all of which were included on the unanimous consent agenda. These included three named professorships and approving two candidates to receive honorary doctorate degrees. Dean David Reingold also made his first presentation to the Committee to discuss the challenges and opportunities he had identified for the College of Liberal Arts since his arrival in March.

B. PHYSICAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Gary Lehman, chair of the Physical Facilities Committee, reported that the Committee met on December 18, 2015, and voted to recommend full Board approval of two construction projects and approval of an amendment to the State Street Corridor Project Agreement, all which were subsequently included on the Board’s unanimous consent agenda.
C. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Don Thompson, chair of the Finance Committee, reported that the Committee met on December 18, 2015, and voted to recommend full Board approval of four items that were subsequently included on the Board’s unanimous consent agenda. These included approval of a dental insurance contract that is new to the health care plan.

D. AUDIT AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE

John Hardin, chair of the Audit and Insurance Committee, reported that the Committee met on December 18, 2015, and voted to recommend full Board approval to modify a resolution from 2002 regarding domestic partner benefits. This recommendation was subsequently included on the unanimous consent agenda. Trustee Hardin also reported that the Committee discussed the FY 2015 financial report, for which members of the audit team from the State Board of Accounts were present. He remarked that, because the auditors were extremely complimentary of the university’s Internal Audit Office, the Board could have high confidence in the reports. The Committee also discussed the property and liability insurance program at its meeting.

E. COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

Tom Spurgeon, chair of the Compensation Committee, reported that the Committee met on December 18, 2015, and voted to recommend full Board approval to adopt the presidential performance metrics for 2015-2016, which was subsequently included on the Board’s unanimous consent agenda. Mr. Spurgeon briefly discussed the metrics’ four categories, which included 16 objectives.

IV. UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA

As reported by the Board committees, the following Unanimous Consent items had been fully explored and debated in committee meetings or were routine in nature. Chairman Berghoff read the list of items and asked if any of the Board members wished to have an item removed from the consent agenda for further discussion or information. Hearing no such request, and upon proper motion duly seconded, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve each of the following items:

- Minutes of the executive sessions held October 8, 2015 and October 9, 2015, and minutes of the stated meeting held October 9, 2015;

- Ratification of Dr. James M. Lowenberg-DeBoer as the College of Agriculture Professor of Excellence in International Entrepreneurship (WL), as recommended by the Academic Affairs Committee;

- Ratification of Dr. Srinivas Peeta as the Jack and Kay Hockema Professor in Civil Engineering (WL), as recommended by the Academic Affairs Committee;

- Ratification of Dr. Issam Mudawar as the Betty Ruth and Milton B. Hollander Family Professor of Mechanical Engineering (WL), as recommended by the Academic Affairs Committee;

- Ratification of Dr. Todor Cooklev as the Harris Chair of Wireless Communication and Applied Research (IPFW), as recommended by the Academic Affairs Committee;
- Approval of Ph.D. in Nursing (WL), as recommended by the Academic Affairs Committee;
- Approval of formal decision to realign the Purdue University Calumet College of Nursing under the academic organizational structure for the unified Purdue University Northwest campus, as recommended by the Academic Affairs Committee;
- Approval to award Honorary Doctorate degrees in Spring 2016, as recommended by the Academic Affairs Committee;
- Approval to plan, finance, and construct the Football Performance Complex and request participation of Ross-Ade Foundation (WL), as recommended by the Physical Facilities Committee;
- Approval to plan, finance, construct and award construction contract for the Life Sciences Utility Infrastructure and Site Development (WL), as recommended by the Physical Facilities Committee;
- Approval to amend the State Street Corridor Project Development Agreement (WL), as recommended by the Physical Facilities Committee;
- Approval of 2016-17 Student Housing Rates for the West Lafayette, Calumet, and Fort Wayne campuses, as recommended by the Finance Committee;
- Approval of resolution to authorize refunding of outstanding bonds, as recommended by the Finance Committee;
- Approval to amend resolution to modify funding source authorization for the Flex Lab Facility (WL), as recommended by the Finance Committee;
- Approval of dental insurance contract (system-wide), as recommended by the Finance Committee;
- Approval of modified resolution on domestic partner benefits (system-wide), as recommended by the Audit and Insurance Committee;
- Adoption of presidential performance metrics for 2015-2016, as recommended by the Compensation Committee;
- Approval of Conflict of Interest disclosures, system-wide, and
- Approval of exceptions to Nepotism Policy, system-wide.

All supporting documents were filed with the minutes.

V. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President Daniels focused his report on student success and began by explaining the context for the data he would present. He then illustrated that Purdue’s first year retention rate of 92.8% had caught and surpassed the Big Ten mean, and he noted that two- and three-year retention rates had also increased. President Daniels also illustrated that the 51.5% four-year
graduation rate was below the Big Ten mean. He then discussed graduation rates by subgroup and cohort.

President Daniels was pleased to report that 38% of undergraduate students were living in university housing, which was above the Big Ten mean, and that summer enrollment had increased by 18.5% in two years. He reminded the Board that summer enrollment allowed students to earn their degrees faster and said that a significant number of summer classes were completed online. A copy of President Daniels’ report presentation was filed with the minutes.

VI. RATIFICATION OF SAUL ROSEN DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

Provost Dutta respectfully requested the Board’s approval to appoint Dr. Wojciech Szpankowski as the Saul Rosen Distinguished Professor of Computer Science. He explained that Dr. Szpankowski was an internationally recognized scientist whose research focused on analysis of algorithms and science of information. Dr. Szpankowski had also built an active and vibrant community of researchers by founding and directing the Center for Science of Information, funded by the National Science Foundation and the advances of which had led to technological solutions. In addition to his professional affiliations, Dr. Szpankowski had won Purdue’s inaugural Arden L. Bement Jr. Award for excellence in research and held three patents. Upon proper motion duly seconded, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to ratify Dr. Szpankowski as the Saul Rosen Distinguished Professor of Computer Science. Supporting documents were filed with the minutes.

Dr. Szpankowski thanked the Board of Trustees and President Daniels for their vote of confidence. He remarked that Saul Rosen, who had been his colleague, was a great man and a model for many. Dr. Szpankowski said that Purdue and the United States had made him the man and scientist he was today and he owed his success to his colleagues, students, and collaborators. He also thanked his family, department head Dr. Sunil Prabhakar, and College of Science dean Dr. Jeff Roberts.

VII. RATIFICATION OF DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY

Provost Dutta respectfully requested the Board’s approval to appoint Dr. Hilkka I. Kenttämaa as a Distinguished Professor of Chemistry. He explained that Dr. Kenttämaa’s work in analytical and physical organic chemistry was highly respected and that she was also distinguished by her dedication to mentoring graduate students. Provost Dutta stated that Dr. Kenttämaa had received the prestigious 2015 Field and Franklin Award for Outstanding Achievement in Mass Spectrometry from the American Chemical Society, which attested the international recognition of the originality, significance, and quality of her research. He cited the profound impact her research had made on the petroleum industry. Dr. Kenttämaa also held four patents. Upon proper motion duly seconded, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to ratify Dr. Kenttämaa’s appointment as Distinguished Professor of Chemistry. Supporting documents were filed with the minutes.

Dr. Kenttämaa remarked that she came to Purdue from Finland 33 years ago, intending to stay for one year. However, she chose to pursue her career at Purdue because of its high standards, friendly environment, and the strong support she had received from students, faculty, and the administration. She said she was deeply honored by the recognition but also humbled, saying her research achievements would not have been possible without the
assistance of the research students. Dr. Kenttämaa concluded her remarks by thanking her colleagues.

**VIII. RATIFICATION OF DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH**

Provost Dutta respectfully requested the Board’s approval to appoint Dr. Arkady Plotnitsky as a Distinguished Professor of English. He explained that Dr. Plotnitsky was an internationally recognized researcher of French philosopher Jacques Derrida, and Dr. Plotnitsky had the noteworthy ability to bridge the divide between the two cultures of the university – science and humanities. Provost Dutta discussed Dr. Plotnitsky’s outstanding interdisciplinary scholarship and publication record, and he stated that Dr. Plotnitsky was the lynchpin for the theory and cultural studies doctorate program in the Department of English. Provost Dutta also highlighted Dr. Plotnitsky’s professional affiliations. Upon proper motion duly seconded, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to ratify Dr. Plotnitsky’s appointment as Distinguished Professor of English. Supporting documents were filed with the minutes.

Dr. Plotnitsky thanked the Board of Trustees and President Daniels for the extraordinary honor. He said it was humbling to see the diversity of thinking, knowledge, and teaching among the honorees, and he remarked that the bridges between liberal arts, science, and engineering enriched and deepened knowledge and teaching across Purdue. Dr. Plotnitsky thanked department head Dr. Krista Ratcliffe and College of Liberal Arts dean Dr. David Reingold, as well as his students.

Following Dr. Plotnitsky’s remarks, Trustee Hardin commented to Dr. Szpankowski, Dr. Kenttämaa, and Dr. Plotnitsky that ratifying such professorships was a highlight for the Board members. He said, “We know that you are the keepers of the flame of the university, the best of the best, and are very important in maintaining the standards, by which you have been judged, for the rest of the faculty.” He continued, “As a nation of immigrants, the university is rich because of those who came to it to share their knowledge and enjoy the freedom that our system allows, and we are grateful that all three of you are here and that the Board is able to recognize you in this way.” Chairman Berghoff thanked Trustee Hardin for his comments.

**IX. REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE**

Professor Kirk Alter, chair of the University Senate, began his remarks with an excerpt of a speech made by President Abraham Lincoln. He then said the university had to ask itself if it was providing the equal chance to which President Lincoln referred. He said that in light of the national unrest and recent events at Purdue and other universities, the University Senate reaffirmed its commitment to embracing and celebrating diversity in all forms and would continue to work with university administration and campus organizations to ensure that all individuals felt welcome, valued, safe, and respected in the university community. Professor Alter referenced stories that students had shared about personal experiences with discrimination, and he called for a broader conversation to include Purdue and the West Lafayette and Lafayette communities. He concluded his remarks by asking the Board of Trustees to endorse Purdue’s engagement in broadening the conversation about race, culture, and community. A copy of Professor Alter’s full remarks was filed with the minutes.

Following Professor Alter’s remarks, Trustee Hardin commented that the remarks were very thoughtful. Trustee Thompson then commented that the university must stay true to providing equal opportunity for success. He also shared that, while attending the reception
that followed the Purdue University Calumet commencement ceremony the previous week, he observed that many family members had a gleam in their eyes at having the opportunity to experience the university and celebrate their student’s success. He cautioned that rather than being pulled into negative, never-ending discussions, the university must stay focused on providing opportunity for all students. Trustee Hardin further commented that he hoped the university would be a bastion to encourage people to get out of “safe places” that reinforce belief systems.

X. RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR FRIENDS OF PURDUE UNIVERSITY

As recommended by President Daniels, and upon proper motion duly seconded, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve the following resolution of appreciation for friends of Purdue who have made a gift of $1,000,000 or more to the University:

WHEREAS, the following friends of Purdue University have generously contributed $1,000,000 or more to move Purdue to greater excellence and preeminence; and

WHEREAS, the University wishes to acknowledge the significance of these gifts to new directions, advancements, and momentum in Purdue’s history, progress, and future;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:

1. That the University and the Trustees are grateful to these individuals for their leadership and support of Purdue University; and

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

FRIENDS: Sandra J. Dauch, to support Purdue University; Wayne K. Jennings, to support the College of Agriculture; Mary Louise Miller, to support the College of Engineering; Indiana Corn Marketing Council, to support the College of Agriculture; Indiana Soybean Alliance, to support the College of Agriculture; Thomas and Martha Murdock, to support the Honors College; Jeanette T. Gill, to support the College of Veterinary Medicine; and Anonymous, to support Purdue University.

Chairman Berghoff, Trustee Lehman, and Trustee Hardin each shared stories about Dick Dauch, with Trustee Hardin saying he was a force of nature.

A copy of the resolution and supporting slides were filed with the minutes.

XI. DESIGNATION OF DIRECTOR FOR ROSS-ADE FOUNDATION

Chairman Berghoff stated that Trustees Beck and Spurgeon had served on the board of the Ross-Ade Foundation but their terms were to expire. Therefore, he called for a motion to re-designate them to the Ross-Ade Foundation board for another term. Upon proper motion duly seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve Trustees Beck and Spurgeon’s continued service on the Ross-Ade Foundation board.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

By consent, the meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.