A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees convened at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 27, 2015, in Room 326 of Stewart Center, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana.

All members of the Committee were present in person or, where specifically noted, by means of electronic communication pursuant to the Electronic Meeting Policy: Thomas Spurgeon, chair; Michael Berghoff, vice chairman (by phone); JoAnn Brouillette (by phone); John Hardin; and Gary Lehman. Other trustees present by means of electronic communication were Vanessa Castagna and Don Thompson. Trustees Sonny Beck, Michael Klipsch, and Kelsey Quin were not present.

Also in attendance were: Mitch Daniels, President; Bill Sullivan, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer; Jim Almond, Senior Vice President and Assistant Treasurer; Steve Schultz, Legal Counsel; and Janice Indrutz, Executive Assistant to the Board and Corporate Secretary.

I. CHAIRMAN’S REMARKS

Chairman Spurgeon announced that the meeting of the Executive Committee was being held in accordance with the Indiana Open Door Law, with notice having been duly made and posted. He also said that it was a public hearing being held in accordance with state statute that related to setting tuition and fee rates. He then stated the following:

“At our stated meeting held on May 15, 2015, the Board of Trustees endorsed a proposed tuition freeze for resident, non-resident, and international students at the West Lafayette campus through the next two academic years. This makes a total of four years in which there has been no change in base tuition, after having had increases in each of the prior 36 consecutive years. As we have stated, this action is very important, in that it demonstrates our commitment to student affordability and accessibility here at Purdue.

“As a reminder of how our fee rate setting process works, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education (ICHE) is charged by state statute with recommending non-binding tuition and mandatory fee increase targets every two years for Indiana’s public colleges and universities. This year, ICHE’s non-binding tuition recommendation for resident tuition and mandatory fee increases was no more than 1.65%, per year, for the next two years. This recommendation was based on an analysis of various financial indicators, including the consumer price index. ICHE approved its tuition and fee guidelines at a meeting held May 14, 2015, and we had that information in hand when our Finance Committee met on the same day to consider our own student fee proposal for endorsement. Today’s hearing is a prerequisite to our formal adoption of that proposal.
“Now just a few more highlights of the proposal: Several fees on the West Lafayette campus will remain flat or be eliminated, including overall flat rates on meal plans and student housing for the 2015-2016 academic year. In addition, the $200 fee for credit-bearing internship, co-op, and industrial practice will be eliminated. New in the 2015-2016 academic year will be a computer science differential fee for new-to-campus students in Computer Science. The per-year fee will be equal to the existing engineering differential fee of $2,050 for undergraduate students, and $1,124 for graduate students. Current students are exempt from the fee. Three previously-approved fees will be instituted for the system-wide Doctor of Nursing Practice program -- $725 per credit hour for Indiana residents, $950 per credit hour for non-residents, and $100 per credit hour for up to six residency practical courses.

“Tuition at Purdue’s regional campuses will follow the Indiana Commission for Higher Education’s recommended increase of up to 1.65% for the 2015-2016 academic year, except at Purdue University North Central. Tuition at that campus will increase only 0.4% in order to align its tuition with that of Purdue University Calumet, in anticipation of the formation of Purdue Northwest. Purdue’s regional campuses (that is, Purdue Northwest and Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne) will increase tuition by 1.65% during the 2016-2017 academic year.

“For the record, I note that Purdue’s tuition and fees currently rank 4th lowest out of 13 public Big Ten universities for resident undergraduates and 7th for non-resident students. At our meeting on May 15, 2015, we also endorsed the university’s proposed conceptual operating budget for fiscal year 2016. We will address that topic later in the meeting.”

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING, AND APPROVAL OF, FY 2016 AND FY 2017 SYSTEM-WIDE PROPOSED STUDENT FEE RATES

Chairman Spurgeon then proceeded to the public comment portion of the meeting. He stated that, as described in the public notice for the hearing, each speaker would be allotted up to three minutes for comments, and he noted that two individuals had requested a speaking opportunity.

Chairman Spurgeon invited the first of the two speakers, Barbara Burgess, to make her comments. Ms. Burgess shared that she was a non-traditional student at Purdue University Calumet and would be a junior at the beginning of the academic year. She concluded her comments by stating, “…I give full approval on the fee proposal for the 2015-2016 conceptual budget.”

Chairman Spurgeon then called upon the second speaker, Adam Cooper, for his comments. Adam introduced himself as a senior in the College of Business at Purdue University Calumet and past president of the Student Government Association. Adam shared that he also served on the Dean’s Student Advisory Council for the College of Business, and he said the Council supported the differential fee because it would in part support establishing a career management center in the College of Business, of which he was also in favor personally.

Chairman Spurgeon thanked Barbara and Adam for their comments. He also noted that written comments were invited in the public notice, but none were received.

Following the speakers’ comments, Chairman Spurgeon entertained a motion from the Committee to approve the FY 2016 and FY 2017 proposed system-wide student fee rates, which was duly seconded. Vice Chairman Berghoff reminded everyone in attendance that
the Board of Trustees had discussed the proposed student fee rates in depth at its meeting of
the Finance Committee on May 14, 2015, but the vote was deferred until this meeting to
comply with state statute, including the ten-day notice required for the public hearing on the
proposal.

Upon proper motion duly seconded, the Executive Committee voted unanimously by roll-call
vote to approve the student fee rate proposal as outlined. Supporting materials were filed with
the minutes.

III. APPROVAL OF FY 2016 SYSTEM-WIDE CONCEPTUAL BUDGET

Chairman Spurgeon reminded everyone in attendance that the proposed conceptual budget
was also discussed in depth by the Board of Trustees at the meeting of its Finance Committee
on May 14, 2015. He also reminded the members of the Committee that the budget proposal
provided for a 3.5% merit pay increase for employees at the West Lafayette campus, with
0.5% of that increase being conditional on each unit implementing a plan to streamline
administrative costs, rationalize space utilization, and provide appropriate recognition of
strong performers in the distribution of the merit increase. He said the proposal also called
for entry-level wages to be increased to $10 per hour for all benefits-eligible clerical and
service staff.

Upon proper motion duly seconded, the Executive Committee voted by roll-call vote to
approve the FY 2016 system-wide conceptual budget. Supporting materials were filed with
the minutes.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

By consent, the meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.