August 24, 2015

To: Deba Dutta, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Diversity

From: Jeff Roberts

Re: Request to attach a name to Prof. David Nolte’s Distinguished Professorship

I am writing today to recommend the naming of the recently approved distinguished professorship for Professor David Nolte of the Physics and Astronomy Department. Professor Nolte’s distinguished professorship was approved at the July 17, 2015, Board of Trustees meeting. Because of an oversight in the submission paperwork, the proposed name for the professorship was inadvertently not included and thus not approved.

With this memo we request permission to change the name of the professorship from Distinguished Professor of Physics and Astronomy to Edward M. Purcell Distinguished Professor of Physics and Astronomy. Dr. Purcell was one of Purdue’s most illustrious alumni (BS in EE), who shared the 1952 Nobel Prize in Physics for his independent discovery of nuclear magnetic resonance in liquids and solids.

I have spoken with Amy Noah to ensure they have no concerns about any impact on potential future fund raising. She has no concerns.

Thank you for helping us correct this oversight. Please let me know if you have any questions.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL:

Debasish Dutta  9/15/15
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Diversity

APPROVED:

Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.  9/15/15
President

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