A meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees convened at 9:23 a.m. on Friday, June 17, 2016, in Room 326 of Stewart Center on the campus of Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana.

All committee members were present: JoAnn Brouillette, chair; Vanessa Castagna; John Hardin; Cameron Mann; and Professor David Sanders (ex-officio). All other trustees were present: Sonny Beck, Michael Berghoff, Michael Klipsch, Gary Lehman, Thomas Spurgeon, and Don Thompson.

Also in attendance were: Mitch Daniels, president; Deba Dutta, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs and diversity; Bill Sullivan, treasurer and chief financial officer; Jim Almond, senior vice president and assistant treasurer; Steve Schultz, legal counsel; Janice Indrutz, executive assistant to the Board and corporate secretary; and Vicky Carwein, chancellor of Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne (by telephone).

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon proper motion duly seconded, the members of the Academic Affairs Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of its last meeting held on April 8, 2016.

II. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS

As recommended by Provost Dutta, and upon proper motion duly seconded, the members of the Academic Affairs Committee voted unanimously to recommend full Board approval of the following appointments: Dr. Peide Ye, Richard J. and Mary Jo Schwartz Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering; and Dr. Frederick R. Davis, R. Mark Lubbers Chair in the History of Science, both on the West Lafayette campus. Supporting documents were filed with the minutes.

Dr. Ye remarked that the appointment was an honor and it would provide a platform for his research and teaching. He thanked a few faculty members by name for their support throughout his career, and he recognized the approximately 30 Ph.D. students he had supervised over the years, saying their creativity and dedication helped to distinguish his research work. He also thanked his wife and family and said that this occasion would be well remembered because it was also his wife’s birthday.

Dr. Davis, who would join Purdue from Florida State University in August 2016, said the R. Mark Lubbers Chair presented an opportunity to build a world class program in the history of science, technology, and medicine. He thanked President Daniels and the
anonymous donor for creating what he said was an extraordinary opportunity, and he also thanked Dr. Doug Hurt, head of the Department of History, Dr. David Reingold, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, and his family.

III. APPROVAL TO ESTABLISH A 3-SESSION COOPERATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS

Provost Dutta requested approval to establish a three-session cooperative education program in the Department of Statistics, College of Science, on the West Lafayette campus. He explained to the Committee that although a five-session program was already in place, international students, freshmen, and students who wished to graduate in four years were not able to easily participate. He said that participating students would spend all three sessions with one employer, just as five-session students did, to give them a depth of understanding and allow the employer to observe the student as a prospective employee. In response to questions from Trustee Brouillette, Provost Dutta discussed company participation in the program, and he clarified that students in the program would receive company pay but no credits. Upon proper motion duly seconded, the Academic Affairs Committee voted unanimously to recommend full Board approval of the three-session cooperative education program. Supporting documents were filed with the minutes.

IV. APPROVAL OF EXTENSION OF IPFW MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

Referring to a memorandum from Legal Counsel Schultz, Trustee Brouillette explained the basis for his request to extend the IPFW (Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne) management agreement for five years, unless the institutions mutually agreed to supersede and replace the agreement with a new agreement prior to June 30, 2021. Provost Dutta added that a Legislative Service Agency report completed in January 2016 made several recommendations regarding a realigned governance structure for IPFW, and he said both institutions were committed to concluding the ongoing discussions about the recommendations. Mr. Schultz agreed that Indiana University was a willing and engaged partner but said many details regarding a realigned governance structure for IPFW were yet to be resolved. Chancellor Carwein noted that there were no deadlines stated in the amended agreement other than calling for the approval of an agreed upon revised governance structure by the respective Boards of Trustees in December 2016, and she asked if faculty, staff, and students would be actively engaged in the discussions with regard to such things as registration, information technology, athletics, etc., to which Trustee Brouillette responded yes.

Trustee Hardin expressed his personal appreciation to Chancellor Carwein for her leadership in the face of a very complex and difficult set of management challenges and said that her experience at other institutions had been critical to her ability to manage through it. He added that the IPFW campus was incredibly important to the Fort Wayne metropolitan area and people looked to the campus in many ways, and he expressed his hope that if some separation and reallocation were to be made, the parts remaining would have a greater impact than the parts that had been together.
Upon proper motion duly seconded, the Academic Affairs Committee voted unanimously to recommend full Board approval of the five-year extension of the IPFW management agreement with the understanding that the universities would collaborate on a new agreement to be approved by the respective Boards of Trustees in December 2016. Supporting documents were filed with the minutes.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Professor Sanders referred to the budget discussions that had taken place during the earlier meeting of the Finance Committee and asked if any other members of the Committee were concerned that the Office of the Treasurer had made academic decisions. He said it was mentioned that certain faculty salary increases were tied to certain academic changes, which he believed impinged on academics and curriculum.

President Daniels responded to Professor Sanders’ concern. He said it was not a decision made solely by the Office of the Treasurer but rather a decision reached collectively with Provost Dutta, Treasurer Sullivan, and himself. He explained that the extra half-percent for salary increases was available to units who took the opportunity to add a competency based or three-year degree, but to his knowledge, no unit had taken the opportunity. Trustee Thompson added his understanding that it was an opt-in for the units who were willing to seek efficiencies rather than a policy.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

By consent, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.