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To: Vice Presidents, Deans, Chancellors, Department Heads, Directors, Managers and Coordinators

From: Morgan R. Olsen, Executive Vice President and Treasurer

Re: OnePurdue Timeline Adjustment

I want to make you all aware that the startup of OnePurdue systems for financial business, scheduled to happen systemwide on October 2, has been postponed in order to ensure the reliability and quality of the systems.

A new go-live date for these systems will be proposed during the week of August 21 by OnePurdue project management and shared with the project's governance groups representing all campuses. During this process, the go-live schedule for the second phase of the project — "Release 2" systems for benefits and payroll — also will be set.

An unfortunate result of this schedule adjustment is the need to modify the schedule for training for some staff. This delay is unavoidable, and we regret any inconvenience that may result for people who were planning their schedules around the training. A new training schedule has not yet been determined, but the OnePurdue team is working to minimize the impact of the change on staff and faculty.

When state-of-the-art technology is being developed for a large and complex organization, as it is at OnePurdue, postponements and other course corrections are not unusual. When I worked with a similar implementation at another institution, we learned that it was necessary to stay flexible through unforeseen schedule adjustments. OnePurdue always will put quality first. In deciding on this postponement, we are choosing quality over scheduling priorities.

I am extremely pleased with the excellent work being done at OnePurdue and I remain very confident that we will achieve our long-term goal to improve the way the University does its business. I want to thank the team at the Ross Enterprise Center, and the many faculty and staff from every campus who have stepped up to join in the effort as advisors, coordinators and system testers.

Thank you all for your effort to stay flexible as we continue moving forward with this important and ambitious project.

