January 5, 2007

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

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

Re: SunGard Higher Education Banner Software for Enrollment and Student Affairs

The Executive Committee of Purdue’s Board of Trustees recently approved a OnePurdue license with the SunGard Higher Education software firm to provide its “Banner” applications for functions serving enrollment and student affairs for the Purdue system. This license is for student-related applications only.

OnePurdue is proceeding with implementation of the SAP applications for finance and human resources. We expect complete success with these modules and we will work closely with SAP’s team to build the necessary interfaces to integrate them successfully with the Banner software.

This action by the trustees was based on significant input from the OnePurdue Enrollment and Student Affairs Advisory Committee, OnePurdue project management, and additional representatives from the Calumet, Fort Wayne, North Central, and West Lafayette campuses. This choice provides the opportunity to enhance the Banner student applications currently in place at the Calumet and Fort Wayne campuses and will enable all campuses to use the application’s features according to their specific needs. As we implement the Banner student application, we ask you to provide your continued support and cooperation. Later this spring, as campus-specific implementation plans are developed, more information will be provided. In the meantime, we encourage you to send any questions you have about the project to onepurdue@purdue.edu.

We thank all of you for your patience during this assessment. Many members of the Purdue community at all four campuses, as well as at the OnePurdue Ross facility, already have dedicated a great deal of time and effort to this process, and we are grateful for their commitment. In the coming weeks, work will accelerate and many of us will have the opportunity to participate in development of the student systems. We would like to thank you again for doing all that you can to make the OnePurdue project a great success.

We ask that you share this memo with all faculty and staff in your areas.