AGENDA

1. Call to order

2. Approval of Minutes of 12 September 2011

3. Acceptance of Agenda

4. Remarks by the President
   President France A. Córdova

5. Remarks of the Chairperson
   Professor Morris Levy

6. Résumé of Items Under Consideration by Various Standing Committees
   For Information
   Professor Timothy Folta

7. Question Time

   Endorsement of COACHE Survey of Purdue Faculty
   For Discussion
   Professor David Williams

9. Update on the Development of the Honors College at Purdue,
   For Information
   West Lafayette
   Interim Dean of the Honors College
   Dennis Savaiano

10. New Business

11. Memorial Resolutions

12. Adjournment
UNIVERSITY SENATE
Second Meeting, Monday, 24 October 2011, 2:30 p.m.
Room 214 ABCD, Stewart Center


1. The meeting was called to order at 2:35 p.m. by Chairperson Morris Levy.
2. The minutes of the meeting of 12 September 2011 were approved as distributed.
3. The agenda was accepted as distributed.
4. President France A. Córdova presented remarks to the Senate.
5. Professor Levy presented the report of the chairperson (see Appendix A).
6. Professor Timothy Folta presented, for information, the Résumé of Items under Consideration (ROI) by Various Standing Committees (see Appendix B). Professor Natalie Carroll, Chair of the Nominating Committee, described the duties of the committee and the importance of serving on standing and faculty committees. She reminded the Senators that the call for serving on committees will come out in January of 2012. Professor David Williams, the chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee, mentioned that the revisions of the Research Faculty Policy would be brought to the Senate at the November meeting. Professor Thomas Templin, chair of the Student Affairs Committee, introduced the presidents of the Purdue Graduate Student Government (PGSG) and the Purdue Student Government Rebecca Logsdon and Brett Highley, respectively. Ms. Logsdon told the Senators about a new PGSG grant program available to graduate students who meet certain criteria. She also mentioned that faculty members would be solicited to serve as grant proposal reviewers. Flyers for the program are below in Appendices C and D. Mr. Highley told the Senators about an upcoming forum that will seek input from undergraduate students to get their perspectives on the current search for a new President of the university. Information gathered at the forum will be passed on to the Board of Trustees as well as the Presidential Search Committee. Mr. Highley encouraged interested Senators to attend the forum. In addition to the forum, a survey will be sent to undergraduate students as has been done with faculty, staff and other groups. Professor Schwab, chair of the University Resources Policy Committee, said that an Open Access Policy document will be brought to the Senate at the November meeting. This should be of interest to all faculty as such a policy will provide the ability to place scholarly articles in a Purdue repository that is open to all.

7. At “Question Time” Professor Timothy Folta asked Professor Levy how the information gathered with the survey from the Presidential Special Advisory Committee will be used by the main Presidential Search Committee. Professor Levy stated that the information would be collated and summarized and a final document will be produced. This document will contain recommendations based on the survey information and will be sent to the Presidential Search Committee. The final document will also be made available to the Purdue community as a whole.

Professor Zarjon Baha asked President Córdova where the funding came from for the numerous construction and renovation projects that occurred during the summer months on campus. President Córdova said that the source of funding was the so-called Federal Stimulus Act or ARRA. These funds had to be spent by a specific time and this meant there were many projects occurring on campus in parallel and it made for a very busy construction season. President Córdova took the opportunity to mention that a President’s Forum would take place the following day and all were invited to attend. Vice Provost Dale Whittaker was to speak on student success at Purdue University.

8. Professor Williams rose to ask for a suspension of the rules in order to allow the Senate to vote on Senate Document 11-2, Endorsement of the COACHE Survey of Purdue Faculty. His motion to suspend the rules was seconded and it passed by unanimous voice vote. Professor Williams next made a motion to approve the document and his motion was seconded. During the discussion period, several individuals spoke very highly of the COACHE survey. Professor Levy supported the endorsement and Professor Williams said that this survey is a very sophisticated instrument that is very timely as we have not done a regular faculty survey in over five years. Over 200 other institutions of higher education use this Harvard-based survey and survey results can be compared among these institutions. Professor William McInerney inquired about the mechanics of the survey. Professor Jay McCann is the point person for Purdue and was present to answer questions. Professor McCann stated that faculty will be notified within the next week and the COACHE site is available on-line if anyone wishes to learn about
the survey prior to its distribution. Professor A. Charlene Sullivan asked how we would ensure faculty participation in the survey. Professor McCann said that the first notice to the faculty will be a letter from the Provost. This will be followed by additional notifications. At other institutions, the response rate for the COACHE survey has been between 50% and 60%. Professor Abdelfattah Nour asked why Purdue was doing this survey and how will it benefit the faculty. Vice Provost Beverly Davenport Sypher gave a recent example of a benefit accrued at Brown University after participation in the survey. In this case, the administration learned that the lack of day care was a significant issue on campus and they worked to address this providing a tangible benefit to faculty and staff with young children. Professor Sullivan mentioned that the COACHE survey would have a different thrust from previous faculty surveys done through the Senate and its Informetrics Committee. Vice Provost Davenport Sypher mentioned that this is the first year that the COACHE survey has included tenured faculty as it was aimed at tenure-track faculty only in the past. In addition, Purdue will be the first university that sends the survey to non-tenure track faculty including clinical/professional and research faculty. Professor Janusz Duzinkiewicz asked that if the survey is used in the future, it include the regional campus faculty as participants. Finally, Professor Williams mentioned that once a faculty member starts answering the survey questions, he or she usually finishes the survey. Once started, 95% of individuals finish the survey. He also asked the Senators to encourage their fellow faculty members to participate. The vote was called and the document passed by unanimous voice vote.

9. The interim Dean of the University Honors Program, Dennis Savaiano presented, for information, an update on the University Honors Program (See Appendix E). Following the presentation, he answered questions from the floor. Professor Chong Gu asked if other universities had honors programs. Dean Savaiano answered that many institutions have had such programs for decades. The task force benchmarked the proposed Purdue program with many existing programs. Since we are relatively late in creating a program it is actually to our advantage in that we can learn what things have worked or not worked at other universities. We can draw from their strengths and avoid their errors. These programs tend to attract high-profile students who do very well during their time in college. Mr. Highley was concerned about the fate of the existing college honors programs. Dean Savaiano assured him that these would be integrated with the university program. In fact, the directors of the college honors programs are supportive of an integrated approach. However, Dean Savaiano does not know if department-level programs will choose to become integrated with the university program or if they will remain independent. Professor Gu asked how many additional administrative positions will be required for this program. Dean Savaiano stated that many of the administrative resources already exist and are associated with the college honors program. Resident Assistants many become joint hires between Honors Program and Purdue Housing. There may be some small expenditures associated with recruitment and management of the program, too. Professor Sullivan inquired if additional scholarship money will be needed. Dean Savaiano said that additional money will be sought, but that many honors students already receive Presidential Scholarships and this will continue with students joining the University Honors Program. Currently, students who study abroad get supplemental support in addition to their scholarships. Mr. Highley asked how the program would ensure diversity since that is a stated goal of the program. Dean Savaiano said that the program will look at more than numbers, i.e. test scores and grades and will take a holistic look at the potential of students. This is currently the process for considering students for Presidential scholarships. Professor Nour asked if there would be an interdisciplinary facet to the program. Dean Savaiano assured him that there would be strong interdisciplinary thrust in the program. In addition, an international component will be part of the program. Ms. Angela Paxton asked if there was a mechanism to attract non-traditional and transfer students. Dean
Savaiano stated that there would be mechanisms to attract these students, but it can be a challenge to capture those who live off-campus.

10. Under New Business, Professor Teri Reed-Rhoads presented, for discussion, Senate Document 11-4, *Endorsement of the University Admissions Policy*. Professor Reed-Rhoads explained that Purdue University has never had an admissions policy so this is a new document. The university intends to implement the policy in 2012. Professor Levy ensured the Senators that the policy had been thoroughly vetted by the Educational Policy Committee. Document 11-4 will be considered for action at the November Senate meeting. Also under New Business, Professor Folta reminded the Senators that items of interest can reach the Senate in several ways including through any member of the Steering Committee.

11. A memorial resolution had been received for Professor Emeritus Leon E. Trachtman. To honor their departed colleague, the Senate members stood for a moment of silence.

12. The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.
Want to bring you up to date on three areas:
  • Recent Campus Events
  • Decadal Funding Plan Progress
  • New Initiatives within Colleges/Schools

RECENT CAMPUS EVENTS

Homecoming Weekend – Great win against Illinois!
  • 125 years of Purdue Bands – more than 400 alumni members marched with All-American Marching Band

Last Friday – Great day for Engineering
  • Dedication of the Roger B. Gatewood Wing of the Mechanical Engineering Building
  • White House ceremony for Distinguished Chemical Engineering Professor Rakesh Agrawal, who received the National Medal of Technology and Innovation from the President of the United States

CPIASR -- Colombia-Purdue Institute for Advanced Scientific Research
  • Held International Collaboration Forum
  • Met with Federico Restrepo, CEO of Grupo Empresarial EPM, to sign memorandum of understanding
    o EPM is major utilities and telecommunications company in Colombia
    o Focus on nanotechnology, water resources, environmental science and energy.
    o Agreement encourages mutual research visits, joint development of research projects, and exploration of partnerships related to entrepreneurship and commercialization programs at Purdue and EPM.

  • Outstanding success – congratulations and kudos to Morry Levy, Arden Bement, Leah Jamieson, and the CPIASR Delegation who helped build the foundational relationships that led to this successful outcome…and I'm sure many more future successes.

DECADAL FUNDING PLAN UPDATE

Currently creating models and business plans for initiatives we discussed at last Senate meeting, the President's Forum, with various faculty groups and others.

Specifically, we are focusing attention on:

  • Innovative Purdue
    o Innovation & Commercialization Center
• Applied Research Corporation
  • Efficient and Effective Purdue
    • Balanced Trimester
  • Global Purdue
    • Online Programs -- Professional, masters and non-degree

Targeting February for public review of the Decadal Funding Plan with Trustees.

Recommendations for each initiative will include:

• Business Plan
• Funding Plan
• Legal Issues, if any
• Staffing Plan and Organization
• Risk Assessment & Exit Strategy (e.g., Applied Research Corp.)

NEW INITIATIVES WITHIN COLLEGES/SCHOOLS

All colleges/schools are involved in groundbreaking, quality teaching and research. I'll highlight a few faculty members and programs that are especially noteworthy this month.

College of Agriculture
Next week, we will be honoring Dr. Clint Chapple with the McCoy Award, the most prestigious research recognition at Purdue. Clint is a Distinguished Professor of Biochemistry and Head of the Biochemistry Department in the College of Agriculture.

College of Education
Online Master's Degree program in Learning Design and Technology was launched this fall to great interest.
  • First cohort (40) almost twice anticipated number; total program expected to reach 200.
  • New fully online English Language Learner certificate program – aimed at practicing teachers – also ramped up very quickly, necessitating additional course sections.
  • Positive online response speaks well for further online programs – as indicated in our Decadal Funding Plan

College of Health and Human Sciences
Dr. Bill Harper, Department of Health and Kinesiology, has been selected to receive the Tony and Mary Hulman Health Achievement Award for his exceptional contribution to Preventive Medicine and Public Health.
  • Awarded from the Indiana Public Health Foundation
  • Considered to be Indiana's Premier Health Award.
  • Recognizing Bill's design and support of the PALS (Purdue Athletes for Life Success) program
    o A model outreach program at Purdue.
    o Drew Brees comes back to lend his support.
  • Purdue's faculty demonstrates the land grant spirit -- last year's winner was Connie Weaver.
Krannert School of Management

Scholarship dollars for undergraduates are up 40% over last year through alumni donations.

- Underscores the value of our alumni as we work to ensure that a Purdue education remains affordable.
- Philanthropy will play an important part in our Decadal Funding efforts as we look for alternative resources going forward.

College of Pharmacy

This summer, the College of Pharmacy launched the first Global Health Postgraduate Residency for pharmacists in the country.

- Residents will spend one year as part of the Purdue Pharmacy Kenya Program in Eldoret, Kenya.
- Students are being mentored by two Purdue Pharmacy faculty who are located on site full time.

College of Technology

An Advanced Automotive area is being established in the College of Technology

- Responding to the needs of the nation and industry for highly trained professionals in hybrid-electric vehicle technologies.

School of Veterinary Medicine

Has enrolled largest class of first-year veterinary students ever – hitting its target of 84 students (20% increase).

Currently undergoing accreditation review; being evaluated on ability to meet 11 standards as outlined by the Council on Education of the American Veterinary Medical Association. Outcome will be known March 2012.

Graduate School

Market research is underway for twenty new Professional Master’s degree programs; target growth is 3,000 students.

Average time to degree dropped by 5% at PhD level; expect to see a 16% decrease in next few years with new online system to provide annual feedback on progress toward degree.

Our colleges/schools are doing well.

We will continue to develop elements of the Decadal Funding Plan and will keep you informed as we progress.

That concludes my presentation. Thank you.
REPORT TO THE UNIVERSITY SENATE – PROFESSOR MORRIS LEVY

Good afternoon everyone. My remarks will be brief. I want first to extend my previous call for Senators to volunteer to be involved with various administrative policy review committees in order for us to better share in governance. Most recently I have received a call from our New Procurement Services Director to have someone serve on the Scientific Commodity Committee. This committee is focused on improving economy and efficiency in providing researchers with expendables. Currently, Vice Chair Paul Robinson has volunteered as an interim advisor. But if you know someone with particular interest in this area please send me their name or ask them to contact me. We are also looking for someone to assist with a major revision of the Travel Authorization and Reimbursement operations. Purdue’s Comptroller, Mary Catherine Gaisbauer, will be meeting with Paul Schwab and the University Resources Policy Committee to discuss the objectives for streamlining the current, paper-driven, multistep process. Professor Patrice Buzznell has agreed to assist the effort. We are looking for another frequent and international traveler.

At the end of this week, Purdue will host the CIC (Committee on Institutional Cooperation) Faculty Leadership Conference, where the Senate leadership from the Big Ten plus the University of Chicago will have its annual discussions. We have assembled a very interesting agenda which will deal with subjects that our Senate will deal with this year including, an Open Access Policy for publishing research in a University Repository, Senate Compensation & Governance Issues, including faculty representation on the Board of Trustees, Funding Graduate Education and Regional Campus Relationships; representatives of each of Purdue’s regional campuses will present descriptions of their respective campuses and discuss the relationships with the West Lafayette campus. It should be fascinating.

Finally, I am pleased to report that we have early results from our on-line Presidential Search Criteria Survey which closed over the weekend. Preliminary results indicate 5100 completed surveys (with 7520 total responders). The sources of completed responders include 705 faculty, 1549 staff and 2846 students (including 586 graduate students). In terms of campus-specific participation, West Lafayette provided the large majority of responses (4320) with small numbers of responses from each of Purdue-Calumet (137), IPFW (436), Purdue North Central (101), IUPUI (47) and others (59). The Special Advisory Committee will be collating and analyzing these responses along with those collected at Open Forums and other surveys before drafting its formal recommendations to the Presidential search Committee led by Trustee Michael Berghoff. Our recommendations will be published to the entire Purdue community.
TO: University Senate  
FROM: Timothy Folta, Chairperson, Steering Committee  
SUBJECT: Résumé of Items under Consideration by the Various Standing Committees

STEERING COMMITTEE
Timothy Folta, Chairperson  
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The primary responsibility of the Steering Committee is the organization and distribution of the agenda for each meeting of the University Senate. This committee also receives communications from any faculty member or group of members and directs such communications to appropriate committees or officers for attention.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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The responsibility of the University Senate Advisory Committee is to advise the President and/or Board of Trustees on any matter of concern to the faculty.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE
Natalie J. Carroll, Chairperson  
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The Nominating Committee is responsible for presenting nominations for the University Senate and University committees. In filling committee vacancies the Nominating Committee seeks to have all interested Senators serve on at least one committee.

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1. Student access and success  
2. Review of GPA requirements in early years  
3. GPA requirements after readmission  
4. Transfer credit  
5. Admissions policy  
6. Evening Exams  
7. Honors College

FACULTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
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1. Revised University Senate Document 11-1, Research Faculty Policy and Change in Guidelines for Research Faculty  
2. On-line Course Evaluation System  
3. Regional Campus Proportional Faculty Representation on Purdue University Senate

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1. Student Conduct

UNIVERSITY RESOURCES POLICY COMMITTEE
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1. Open Access to All Scholarly Articles Published by Purdue Faculty

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Secretary of the Senate, Joseph W. Camp, Jr., jcamp@purdue.edu  
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To: The University Senate  
From: University Senate Faculty Affairs Committee  
Subject: Endorsement of COACHE Survey of Purdue Faculty  
Disposition: University Senate for Information and Endorsement  

Whereas: The Purdue University Senate Faculty Affairs Committee has studied and discussed the opportunity to partner with the Office of the Provost to conduct a survey of the West Lafayette faculty using The Collaborative on Academic Careers in Higher Education (COACHE)  

Whereas: Two voting members of the Purdue University Senate Faculty Affairs Committee are members of a Special Working Group to assist in this process  

Whereas: Participating in the COACHE survey offers Purdue a unique opportunity to compare with peer institutions also participating in the survey on matters related to the academic workplace for early-mid-and late career faculty  

Therefore, be it resolved that:  

The Purdue University Senate Faculty Affairs Committee endorsed the participation by Purdue West Lafayette in the 2011 COACHE survey at its October 3, 2011 meeting, and brings this endorsement forward for discussion and endorsement by the Purdue University Senate.  

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Purdue University Senate Faculty Affairs Committee,  

David J. Williams  
Chair,  
Faculty Affairs Committee  
Purdue University Senate  

Approving:  
W. Aref  
A. Beck  
J. S. Bolton  
J. Duzinkiewicz  
N. Edwards  
L. Esters  
P. Hirst  
M. Levine  

Disapproving:  

Absent:  
D. Kemmerer  
C. Sullivan
Link to COACHE Survey Site

http://isites.harvard.edu/icb/icb.do?keyword=coache&tabgroupid=icb.tabgroup102027
The Purdue Graduate Student Government is seeking faculty reviewers for the Discovery, Engagement And Learning (DEAL) Grant Competition

• Awards up to $2500 for a 1 year grant that are available to teams of 2-4 masters and/or Ph.D. students representing two or more departments/graduate programs at the West Lafayette Campus plus a faculty adviser.

• Seeking faculty members in the areas of:
  – Science & Agriculture
  – Liberal Arts
  – Engineering & Technology

who would be willing to serve as faculty reviewers for the DEAL Grant Competition (each faculty reviewer would review and provide feedback for up to 3 grant applications)

• Please also encourage your graduate students to consider applying for a DEAL Grant!!

For questions please contact:
Emily Arentson  |  PGSG DEAL committee chair
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• Research ideas and initiatives should be original, innovative, and preferably be designed to improve the Purdue (West Lafayette) campus and/or community and should fall under one of the following proposal areas:
  – Science & Agriculture
  – Liberal Arts
  – Engineering & Technology

• Application will be available on PGSG website by Oct 24th

For questions please contact:
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AN UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE HONORS COLLEGE AT PURDUE WEST LAFAYETTE

October 24, 2011
University Senate

Dennis Savaiano
Interim Dean
NEW SYNERGIES STRATEGIC PLAN

“Provide exceptional students with enhanced educational opportunities through an expanded university honors program and accelerated learning options”
“It seems that the time may be right, given the support of the senior administration and the success of the UHP, for the program to become a truly university-wide honors college.”

Report of the Purdue University Honors Program External Review
September 30 – October 1, 2009
VISION FOR HONORS AT PURDUE*

• Single visible honors college
• Students dually enrolled in academic college
• Residential learning environment
• Leadership, scholarship, community foci
• 2000 +/- students
• Holistic, diverse and increases profile
• A new highly visible opportunity to keep IN students in IN and bring new students to Purdue
• Focused effort on success in postgraduate scholarship competitions
• Fundraising success

*UHSS Task Force Spring 2011
TRUSTEES APPROVAL AND EXPECTATIONS

JULY 2011

• Timeline: Fall 2013 entrance of first class
• Profile will enhance Purdue
• Residential integration with academics
• Leadership, scholarship, community foci
• Visibility
• Recruitment
• Improved graduation rates
HONORS COLLEGE TASK FORCE MEMBERSHIP

Faculty:
51 from all academic colleges and libraries

Staff:
28 from 18 different units

Students:
13 from 5 colleges
HONORS COLLEGE GUIDING PRINCIPLES

• Complement the academic colleges
• Be diverse
• Build student leadership, scholarship and engagement
• Integrate residential, co-curricular and curricular learning opportunities
• Promote innovative learning approaches
• Enhance student profile
TASK FORCE WORKING GROUPS

• Curricula
  Jeff Karpicke, Psychological Sciences

• Faculty appointment/involvement
  John Cushman, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences

• Post-graduate opportunities
  Riall Nolan, Anthropology

• Recruitment and admissions
  Rosalee Clawson, Political Science

• Residential and co-curricular activities
  Vicki Simpson, Nursing

• Undergraduate scholarships
  Barbara Dixon, CLA
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MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
LEON E. TRACHTMAN
September 26, 1925-September 5, 2011

Leon Trachtman died on September 5, 2011, his 59th wedding anniversary, after several years of battling Parkinson’s disease. He is survived by his wife, Marguerite, four children and their spouses, six grandchildren, one sister and two members of his extended family. He is also survived by a legion of colleagues and friends and a community of citizens who respected his work, appreciated his contributions to the enhancement of our quality of life, and admired him for his intellect and kind and gentle nature.

Lee, as he was known to all, was born on September 26, 1925 in Brooklyn, NY. He graduated from high school in 1942 and after a year at Brooklyn College, joined the United States Army. He served in the 100th Infantry Division of the Seventh Army. During combat in the French village of Rimling, he was captured by the Germans and spent four months in a prisoner of war camp. When the camp was liberated in Spring 1945, he enrolled at Hamilton College, graduated Phi Beta Kappa in 1948 and then enrolled at Johns Hopkins University to pursue his masters degree, which he received in 1951.

He was a Junior Instructor in English and Speech at Johns Hopkins as a graduate student and then became an Assistant Professor in English and Speech at Hood College in Frederick, Maryland. He left there in 1956 and became a Science Writer and Editor at the National Institutes of Heath in Bethesda Maryland and Professor of English and Speech at the U.S. Department of Agriculture Graduate School.

In 1958 he joined the Purdue research Foundation as a Science writer and remained at Purdue thereafter. From 1961 to 1965 he was the Executive Secretary of the Office of Research Contracts and Grants for PRF and was an Assistant Professor of Industrial Management. He became an Associate Professor of English in 1965 and in 1967 became an Assistant Dean of the School of Humanities, Social Science, and Education. He became Head of the Department of General Studies in 1967 and was interim Head of the Department of Political Science from 1972 to 1975. He joined the Department of Communication in 1973 and was promoted to Professor in 1976. He was promoted to Associate Dean of HSSE in 1971 and was Acting Dean of the School from 1985 to 1987. Lee retired in 1997 but taught as an Emeritus Professor in several years thereafter.

In Communication, Lee taught Science Writing, Communication in the Scientific Community, an Undergraduate Seminar and the Senior Seminar in Science and Society, Public-Private conflict in the Mass Media, Mass Communication and Society, Theories of Mass Communication, Communication and Emerging Technology, and a seminar in Organizational Communication. In the English Department he taught Introduction to Literature, Introduction to the Literature of England, and American Writers, 1865-1910. And in the Department of Industrial Administration, he taught both Managerial Policy Reports I and II.

Lee’s scholarship was reflected in his publications and he secured five grants from the Purdue Research Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Science Foundation and the GTE Foundation.

Lee’s impressive record of academic accomplishments was augmented by an extraordinary array of contributions he made to the community. He was a member of the Steering committee of Mayor Sonya
Margerum’s Strategic Planning Group. He served for 27 years on West Lafayette’s School Board, including terms as Treasurer, Vice President, and President. He was a long time member of the West Lafayette’s Parks and Recreation Board. He was the chairperson of the Wildcat Creek Study Commission. Lee won the Indiana School Board Association’s Outstanding School Board Member Award in 1983 and was named a Sagamore of the Wabash in 1990. The West Side Community honored Lee by naming the Peck-Trachman Park after him in 2008.

He was a life-long Cubs fan, loved Purdue football and basketball, was a competitive handball player, paddle ball player and squash player, and had a daily running regimen that he followed for more than 20 years.

Upon learning of Lee’s death, his colleagues, friends, family and students recalled him fondly for his kind heart, quiet personality and dedication to his work. He was described as soft-spoken, a person with a sharp mind and a tendency to listen to every detail in meetings before speaking. He was considered to be a mentor by many, always very calm and rational. In language use, he was succinct and appropriate. He was a dedicated family man who valued treating everyone he encountered with respect. First and foremost, he was gentle.

Lee had an enormous impact on Purdue and on the West Lafayette Community. He wanted to make things better and never cared to get any of the credit. He worked hard and our world is a better place for it.

Ralph Webb