To: The University Senate  
From: David A. Sanders  
Subject: The Purdue University Senate Expresses Public Opposition to the Amendment to the Indiana Constitution Concerning Marriage (HJR-6)  
Disposition: University Senate for Approval

WHEREAS: “Purdue University is committed to maintaining a community which recognizes and values the inherent worth and dignity of every person; fosters tolerance, sensitivity, understanding, and mutual respect among its members; and encourages each individual to strive to reach his or her own potential. In pursuit of its goal of academic excellence, the University seeks to develop and nurture diversity. The University believes that diversity among its many members strengthens the institution, stimulates creativity, promotes the exchange of ideas, and enriches campus life;”* and

WHEREAS: “Purdue University does not condone and will not tolerate discrimination against any individual on the basis of … sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression;”* and

WHEREAS: Purdue University has extended benefits to same-sex domestic partners of University employees and their eligible children since 2003; and

WHEREAS: The amendment to Article 1 of the Indiana Constitution concerning marriage (referred to as HJR-6) is contrary to the values and policies of Purdue University and will harm employee recruitment and retention.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Purdue University Senate opposes the Indiana State Constitutional amendment concerning marriage (HJR-6) and therefore strongly urges the Indiana General Assembly and the Governor of Indiana to oppose adoption of HJR-6.

Respectfully submitted,  
David A. Sanders

* Purdue University Faculty & Staff Handbook Equal Opportunity Policies