Purdue Graduate Student Senate

Resolution Number: 2011-0018
"In Support of a Faculty Trustee"

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Recommendation:
President, PGSS: Ms. Rebecca Logsdon

WHEREAS
At a recent Purdue University Board of Trustees meeting, a presenting faculty member suggested that the Board consider the addition of a Faculty Trustee; and

WHEREAS
Faculty representation has been established at numerous institutions, both public and private, including notably Duke University, Cornell University, Boston University, the University of Kentucky, the University of Tennessee, and the entire State University System of Florida (including the University of Florida and Florida State University); and

NOTING
That, in May 2009, the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges (AGB) conducted a survey of over 2,000 member institutions, a population considered representative of higher education excepting two-year colleges, finding that:

"About one-fourth of the respondents include faculty as members of the governing board (27%) or the head of the faculty senate as a member of the governing board (14%). Faculty membership on board committees was reported by more than half of respondents (56%)."
- Faculty, Governing Boards, and Institutional Governance, AGB, 2009.

RECALLING
Also that PGSG recently raised concerns over the lack of a Trustee with graduate experience, resulting in a Board which is largely out of touch with graduate student needs; and

OBSERVING
That a Faculty Trustee would have such experience and thus be able to offer valuable insight to the Board on matters pertaining to many of the issues aligning with PGSG’s strategic plan and other initiatives;

BE IT RESOLVED
That the Purdue Graduate Student Government supports and encourages the addition of a Faculty Trustee to the Purdue University Board of Trustees.
FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED

That the President of PGSG convey this support to the Board of Trustees and to the Faculty Senate through any means of communications which she deems appropriate, to include a written letter of support to be approved by the Executive Board and delivered to the members of Board of Trustees no later than the last Senate meeting of the current session of the PGSS.

PGSG President

Chair, Legislative and Strategic Planning Committee