To: Purdue University Senate  
From: Leadership/Steering Committee Members  
Subject: Resolution of Appreciation  
Disposition: University Senate for Discussion and Approval

A Resolution of Appreciation for the Faculty Senates of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and of Michigan State University

Whereas, Purdue University’s Board of Trustees negotiated the purchase of Kaplan University without consultation from Purdue Faculty and without conducting a comprehensive study on the impact that such purchase may have on our existing programs,

Whereas, shared governance is a fundamental principle that enables public institutions of higher learning to safeguard the quality and access to the advancement of knowledge,

Whereas, the Purdue University Senate overwhelmingly voted against the proposed acquisition of Kaplan University during its extraordinary meeting in May 2017,

Whereas, the U.S. Department of Education laid out the pre-condition that the Purdue brand name be associated with the proposed new university entity,

Whereas, the new name of the proposed new entity will be *Purdue University Global*, inexorably linking it to and identifying it with Purdue University,

Whereas, the Faculty Senates of the University of Nebraska (Lincoln) and of Michigan State University had passed resolutions in support of the Purdue University Senate’s efforts to oppose the establishment of the new entity (Purdue University Global) as currently envisioned,
And whereas, the Faculty Senates of these institutions have sent strong letters supporting our opposition of the proposed acquisition of Kaplan University to the Higher Learning Commission,

Be it resolved that the Purdue University Senate extends statements of appreciation to the Faculty Senates of the University of Nebraska (Lincoln) and of Michigan State University for their unprecedented and courageous support of a fellow Big Ten University, and for their foresight in seeking to strengthen a spirit of solidarity and collaboration across all Big Ten universities.