DRAFT: for Senate Steering Committee

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To: **The University Senate**
From: **University Senate Advisory Committee**
Subject: **Request to the Trustees to Advocate for a Faculty Member on The Board of Trustees**
Disposition: **University Senate for Approval**

WHEREAS: The ten members of Purdue's Board of Trustees are all appointed by the Governor as represented in Indiana Code 21-23-3, with the mandate that three members be selected by the members of the Purdue Alumni Association from the members of that Association, including one that must be a graduate of the School (now College) of Agriculture, and that one Board member be a full-time student, and

WHEREAS: The Faculty are an essential stakeholder as well as provider of the teaching, research and engagement missions and operations of Purdue University that are overseen by the Board of Trustees, and

WHEREAS: A Faculty member can provide a perspective to the Board of Trustees on academic issues that have not historically or currently been part of the Board's expertise; that such a member would expand the Board's perspective and deliberative effort in a manner parallel to that provided by the mandated student Trustee, and

WHEREAS: There is neither prohibition nor conflict of interest for a current or former Faculty member to serve as a Purdue Trustee.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Purdue University Senate requests that Purdue's Board of Trustees advocate to the Governor that the Board of Trustees should include a Purdue Faculty member (including past, current or Emeritus Faculty) among the Trustees. We also request that President Córdova transmit this Resolution to the Board of Trustees at the next official Board of Trustees regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the University Senate Advisory Committee,

Morris Levy, Chair