



**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE**  
**TRUSTEES OF PURDUE UNIVERSITY**  
**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**SEPTEMBER 27, 2013**

A meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees of The Trustees of Purdue University convened in Room 326 of Stewart Center, Purdue University West Lafayette, Indiana at 10:00 a.m. on September 27, 2013.

All committee members were present: JoAnn Brouillette, chair; Vanessa Castagna; John Hardin; and Kelsey Quin. Other trustees present were: Sonny Beck; Michael Berghoff; Gary Lehman; Thomas Spurgeon; Don Thompson; and Bruce White. Also in attendance were: Mitch Daniels, President; Tim Sands, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost; Al Diaz, Executive Vice President for Business and Finance, Treasurer; Jim Almond, Senior Vice President for Business Services and Assistant Treasurer, Steve Schultz, Legal Counsel; and Janice Indrutz, Corporate Secretary.

**I. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS**

As recommended by Provost Sands, and upon proper motions each duly seconded, the Academic Affairs Committee voted unanimously to request full Board approval of the following appointments: Dr. Arvind Raman as the Robert V. Adams Professor in Mechanical Engineering; Dr. W. Jason Weiss as the Jack and Kay Hockema Professor in Civil Engineering; and Dr. Fabio H. Ribeiro as the R. Norris and Eleanor Shreve Professor of Chemical Engineering. All were present and thanked the Board. Dr. Raman specifically thanked the Board for the major initiatives they have championed, namely the Birck Nanotechnology Center and Cyberinfrastructure, which have allowed him to do top-level research. Dr. Weiss acknowledged Jack and Kay Hockema for their dedication to the university as alumni, and Dr. Ribeiro was pleased to receive the honor named for Professor Shreve. Trustee Brouillette tearfully thanked Dr. Raman, Dr. Weiss, and Dr. Ribeiro for the meaningful differences they have made at Purdue to improve students' lives and society. All supporting documents will be filed with the minutes.

**II. APPROVAL OF DEGREE REVOCATION**

Provost Sands recommended the revocation of an undergraduate degree. He explained that the student involved was found responsible by the Purdue Community Standards Board for various violations of university regulations, including academic dishonesty while a student at Purdue University. The disciplinary process followed the steps outlined in the University Regulations, with the findings and the recommended sanctions having been affirmed by the Dean of Students and the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Academic Affairs. Given confidentiality requirements imposed by federal law, the name of the student or other details about the disciplinary proceedings was not released. Trustee Brouillette commented that the Committee and the full Board were provided and discussed the details of this recommendation during an executive session of the Board on the morning of September 27, 2013.

Because final action for degree revocation rests with the Board of Trustees under the University Regulations, Trustee Hardin moved to approve “this necessary but unfortunate” action. Upon being duly seconded by Trustee Brouillette, the Academic Affairs Committee voted unanimously to request full Board approval to revoke the undergraduate degree as discussed. Supporting document filed with the minutes.

### **III. UPDATE ON THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM ASSESSMENT**

Provost Sands made a presentation to give the Committee a sense of where the Academic Program Assessment stands and where it is headed. He reviewed the reasons for doing the Assessment, citing that the most important reason is to improve clarity of options and program outcomes for students. He then reviewed the activities undertaken as part of the Assessment process, which included retiring 89 programs; some were consolidated with others, while some had very few students. Provost Sands illustrated the application being used to analyze data gathered through the Assessment, which was being used to make decisions on expansions, consolidations, and coordination of programs. He also highlighted lessons learned from the Assessment thus far and stated that they were very close to establishing a stable set of metrics. Trustee Hardin remarked that he saw demonstrable progress toward issues raised by Trustee Brouillette in the past and was very encouraged that these efforts will make a Purdue degree more valuable. Provost Sands recognized Diane Beaudoin, Director of Assessment, the Office of Institutional Research, and the colleges for their efforts with the Academic Program Assessment. A copy of Provost Sands’ presentation will be filed with the minutes.

### **IV. REPORT OF THE STUDENT INTELLECTUAL GROWTH TASK FORCE**

Dr. Dale Whittaker, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Academic Affairs and co-chair of the Student Intellectual Growth Task Force, provided an update on the progress of the Task Force. He explained that the Task Force was commissioned by President Daniels in April 2013 to examine ways to measure student growth, and he provided background on the makeup of the Task Force. Dr. Whittaker discussed steps taken by the Task Force, including defining “student growth,” and said that the Task Force arrived at a list of student attributes that aligned with core curriculum outcomes. He discussed the Task Force’s recommendations and said the next step would be to fine tune and present them to the University Senate and Purdue Student Government, with final recommendations to be submitted to President Daniels by November 1.

Trustee Thompson congratulated the Task Force on their work and commented that their accomplishments were more than he anticipated, which he said spoke to the makeup of team. Trustee Berghoff believed that a standard, universal tool for others to use could result from these efforts. President Daniels expressed that he is thrilled with how the Task Force accepted its charge and believed the exercise has the elements of responsibility, necessity, and opportunity, which he explained. A copy of Dr. Whittaker’s presentation will be filed with the minutes.

### **V. ADJOURNMENT**

By consent, the meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.