



BOARD APPROVED
JUNE 14, 2019
JANICE INDRUTZ
CORPORATE SECRETARY

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR SIMON J. RHODES

WHEREAS, Dr. Simon J. Rhodes has served Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis for 24 years, including the past eight years as dean of the Purdue School of Science; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rhodes earned a Ph.D. in Biochemistry from Purdue University-West Lafayette in 1991, during which time he met his wife, Janette, who was also a graduate student at Purdue; and

WHEREAS, during his time as dean of the Purdue School of Science at IUPUI, Dr. Rhodes oversaw a budget of more than \$70 million and led more than 180 faculty, 2,500 undergraduate students and hundreds of masters and doctoral graduate students; and

WHEREAS, he has built a widely recognized track record in student success, faculty innovation and problem solving; and

WHEREAS, in particular, Dr. Rhodes has worked tirelessly and successfully to expand the presence of STEM education and STEM graduates in Indiana; and

WHEREAS, he worked to establish a new undergraduate degree program in neuroscience and achieved site approval for six IUPUI doctoral programs; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, IUPUI has achieved annually a record number of science graduates, increasing by about 10% each year since 2012; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rhodes has improved faculty diversity in the Purdue School of Science through a series of new search-and-screen procedures and through an increase in funding for the Diversity Scholars Research Program at IUPUI; and

WHEREAS, he has led new fundraising efforts to provide scholarships to increase the enrollment of underrepresented minorities and women in the Purdue School of Science; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rhodes has brought in record levels of research funding for the Purdue School of Science, using some funding to establish a grant program to fund faculty research proposals that have high scores from federal funding agencies but were not ultimately funded and a scholarship for students experiencing unexpected financial hardship during the final phase of their studies; and

WHEREAS, is himself a prolific scholar, researcher and educator, with work featured in more than 80 scientific publications; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rhodes has greatly contributed to the advancement of medical science over his career, with research focusing on further understanding hormone deficiency diseases; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rhodes has continued to educate and inspire students during his tenure as dean, teaching “Endocrinology in Health and Disease,” a 400-level class in which students learn how endocrinology affects everyday life; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rhodes has maintained a number of important professional affiliations, including serving as a member of the Research Committee for the Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences, a member of several committees within the Endocrine Society USA, a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) and a board member for the TechPoint Foundation for Youth, among many others; and

WHEREAS, he is regularly called on to join campus and community leadership and planning committees; and

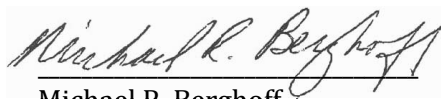
WHEREAS, in recognition of his outstanding leadership, service, dedication to students and success, Dr. Rhodes was the 2015 recipient of both the Dr. Joseph T. Taylor Award for Excellence in Diversity and the Purdue University College of Science Outstanding Alumni Award, the 2017 Norman Brown Diversity Scholars Program Mentor of the Year Award, the 2019 Gerald L. Bepko Outstanding Administrator Award and the highest honor bestowed at IUPUI — a 2019 IUPUI 50th Anniversary Chancellor’s Medallion; and

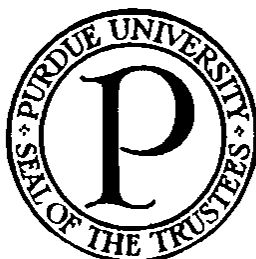
WHEREAS, Dr. Rhodes will step down from his position as dean on June 30, 2019, to begin his tenure as provost and vice president of academic affairs at the University of North Florida on July 1, 2019;

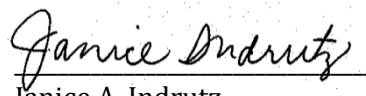
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE TRUSTEES OF PURDUE UNIVERSITY:

1. That the Trustees recognize the incredible impact Dr. Simon J. Rhodes has made on his students, faculty, staff, alumni and community as dean of the Purdue School of Science at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis; and
2. That enormous gratitude and appreciation are expressed to Dr. Rhodes for his tremendous contributions to science, the state of Indiana and Purdue University; and
3. That Dr. Rhodes’ many contributions are part of the great, permanent history of Purdue University and will never be forgotten; and
4. That the Board wishes him continued success as he takes this next exciting step in his career; and
5. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Board of Trustees as part of the permanent record of Purdue University for all to witness.

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Michael R. Berghoff
Chairman




Janice A. Indrutz
Secretary