



**PURDUE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**AUGUST 2, 2019**

**MINUTES**

A meeting of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees convened at 9:21 a.m. on Friday, August 2, 2019, in Room 326 of Stewart Center on the campus of Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana.

Committee members present were: Vanessa Castagna; Malcolm DeKryger; Noah Scott; and Professor Cheryl Cooky (ex-officio). JoAnn Brouillette was not in attendance. Other trustees present were: Michael Berghoff; Michael Klipsch; Thomas Spurgeon; and Don Thompson.

Officers and administrators in attendance were: Mitch Daniels, president; Jay Akridge, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs and diversity; Bill Sullivan, treasurer and chief financial officer; Jim Almond, senior vice president, assistant treasurer, and assistant secretary; Steve Schultz, general counsel; Janice Indrutz, corporate secretary and senior executive assistant to the Board; and Ron Elsenbaumer, chancellor of Purdue University Fort Wayne.

Trustee Castagna chaired the meeting in Trustee Brouillette's absence.

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon proper motion duly made and seconded, the Academic and Student Affairs Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of its last meeting on June 14, 2019.

**II. APPROVAL TO APPOINT THE TOMPKINS PROFESSOR IN INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING**

Provost Akridge respectfully requested approval to appoint Dr. Abhijit V. Deshmukh as the Tompkins Professor in Industrial Engineering. He informed the Committee that Dr. Deshmukh was a leading, internationally recognized scholar in industrial engineering whose research had been utilized in manufacturing, health care, telecommunications, transportation and supply chain management. Provost Akridge added that Dr. Deshmukh was a respected teacher and academic leader and was serving as head of the School of Industrial Engineering since 2011. Chairman Berghoff noted that Mr. Jim Tompkins, for whom the professorship was named, was very active with the College of Engineering and Purdue. Upon proper motion duly made and seconded, the Academic and Student Affairs Committee voted unanimously to recommend full Board approval of Dr. Deshmukh's appointment. Supporting materials and a photo were filed with the minutes.

**III. APPROVAL TO APPOINT THE DERNLAN FAMILY HEAD OF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING AND MANAGEMENT**

Provost Akridge respectfully requested approval to appoint Dr. Makarand Hastak as the Dernlan Family Head of Construction Engineering Management. He informed the Committee that, for more than 30 years, Dr. Hastak's research had been applied to the construction industry in many areas targeting societal needs. He added that Dr. Hastak was serving as head of the College of Engineering's Division of Construction and Engineering Management since 2007,

and Provost Akridge highlighted Dr. Hastak's professional service. Upon proper motion duly made and seconded, the Academic and Student Affairs Committee voted unanimously to recommend full Board approval of Dr. Hastak's appointment. Supporting materials and a photo were filed with the minutes.

**IV. APPROVAL TO APPOINT THE WILLIAM E. AND FLORENCE E. PERRY HEAD OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING**

Provost Akridge respectfully requested approval to appoint Dr. Eckhard A. Groll as the William E. and Florence E. Perry Head of Mechanical Engineering. He informed the Committee that Dr. Groll had been recognized with a number of university teaching awards since joining the Purdue faculty in 1994, and Dr. Groll had been chosen to lead the School of Mechanical Engineering following a national search; most recently he served as associate dean for undergraduate and graduate education in the College of Engineering. Provost Akridge discussed Dr. Groll's research in refrigeration, heating, ventilation, and air conditioning and highlighted his instrumental role in creating two local, living-lab research homes. Upon proper motion duly made and seconded, the Academic and Student Affairs Committee voted unanimously to recommend full Board approval of Dr. Groll's appointment. Supporting materials and a photo were filed with the minutes.

**V. APPROVAL TO APPOINT THE LOEB CHAIR IN ECONOMICS**

Provost Akridge respectfully requested approval to appoint Dr. Justin L. Tobias as the Loeb Chair in Economics. He informed the Committee that Dr. Tobias was serving as head of the Department of Economics and senior associate dean of the Krannert School of Management. Provost Akridge discussed Dr. Tobias's research as a world-renowned Bayesian econometrician and said Dr. Tobias was regarded as a national and international leader in popularizing Bayesian approaches in the economics profession. Chairman Berghoff read a paragraph from a letter of recommendation provided to the Committee and members of the Board by Dr. David Hummels, Samuel R. Allen Dean of the Krannert School of Management, who praised Dr. Tobias's teaching record and said Dr. Tobias was highly sought after as a Ph.D. advisor. Upon proper motion duly made and seconded, the Academic and Student Affairs Committee voted unanimously to recommend full Board approval of Dr. Tobias's appointment. Supporting materials and a photo were filed with the minutes.

**VI. APPROVAL TO APPOINT THE KOZUCH DIRECTOR OF THE PURDUE UNIVERSITY RESEARCH CENTER IN ECONOMICS**

Provost Akridge respectfully requested approval to appoint Dr. Kevin Mumford as the Kozuch Director of the Purdue University Research Center in Economics. He informed the Committee that Dr. Mumford was currently serving as director of the Center, which, he said, was founded in 2013 and rapidly earning an excellent reputation for first-rate, unbiased academic research in such areas as crime and the legal system, education, energy regulation, taxation, and trade and globalization. Provost Akridge discussed Dr. Mumford's credentials and research and said naming the directorship would further elevate the Center in its mission. Upon proper motion duly made and seconded, the Academic and Student Affairs Committee voted unanimously to recommend full Board approval of Dr. Mumford's appointment. Supporting materials and a photo were filed with the minutes.

At Trustee Castagna's invitation, Dean Hummels remarked the Krannert School was fortunate to have amazing scholars and gifted teachers who were also "institution builders and tremendous citizens of the university."

## **VII. APPROVAL TO NAME THE NANCY H. HANDEL STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM**

Provost Akridge respectfully requested approval to name the Krannert School of Management study abroad program for Nancy H. Handel. He proposed that naming the program for Ms. Handel would honor her generous gift and recognize her strong support of Krannert undergraduates since 1991. Trustee Castagna expressed the belief of the Board that study abroad opportunities were very important for students' growth, and she thanked Ms. Handel, who was not in attendance, for her generosity. Dean Hummels said Ms. Handel's gift would allow the Krannert School to sustain the study abroad program, participation in which, he said, had quintupled. Upon proper motion duly made and seconded, the Academic and Student Affairs Committee voted unanimously to recommend full Board approval to name the Nancy H. Handel Study Abroad Program in the Krannert School of Management. Supporting materials were filed with the minutes.

## **VIII. APPROVAL TO APPOINT THE KARL LARK-HOROVITZ PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY**

Provost Akridge respectfully requested approval to appoint Dr. Yong P. Chen as the Karl Lark-Horovitz Professor of Physics and Astronomy. He discussed Dr. Chen's research in quantum physics, which he described as having unusual breadth and depth. Provost Akridge informed the Committee that Dr. Chen was serving as the inaugural director of the Purdue Quantum Science and Engineering Institute, and, because Dr. Chen's work was known for its rigor, Dr. Chen was an exceptional intellectual leader for interdisciplinary research. At Trustee Castagna's invitation, Dr. Patrick Wolfe, Frederick L. Hovde Dean of Science, remarked that Dr. Chen was in an outstanding position to build bridges between science and engineering. Upon proper motion duly made and seconded, the Academic and Student Affairs Committee voted unanimously to recommend full Board approval of Dr. Chen's appointment. Supporting materials and a photo were filed with the minutes.

Trustee DeKryger addressed all the professors who were honored and said their expertise was amazing. He expressed excitement about their youth and his hope that they would continue to do great things for years to come.

## **IX. REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE**

Professor Cheryl Cooky, chair of the University Senate, provided an update on the progress that had been made with the civics literacy initiative. She said a group of experts from colleges across campus had worked during the summer months to develop a valid, reliable, and rigorous tool to administer to freshmen during the upcoming Boiler Gold Rush. She respectfully asked President Daniels if he would be willing, in his remarks to the students, to encourage them to complete the survey. Professor Cooky also shared that she looked forward to working with the Office of the Provost on academic rigor initiatives as well. Trustee Klipsch said he was excited to hear that the civics literacy survey would be administered during Boiler Gold Rush, and he asked Professor Cooky to explain how it had been developed. The Board thanked Professor Cooky for her leadership of the civics literacy initiative, and Professor Cooky wished to publicly acknowledge those professors who had worked on the survey during the summer months.

## **X. ADJOURNMENT**

By consent, the meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.