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April 10, 2026
Cindy Ream
Corporate Secretary

TO: Patrick Wolfe, Provost

FROM: Haley Oliver-Jischke, Sr. Vice Provost for Academic and Student Success

DATE: March 18, 2026

SUBJECT: Posthumous Degree Recommendation for the late Cade Gochenour,
submitted by the Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering, Purdue
University, West Lafayette

At its meeting on October 9, 2025, the Purdue University Graduate Council voted to recommend awarding, posthumously, a Non-Thesis Master of Science in Agricultural & Biological Engineering (ABE) degree from Purdue University. A posthumous degree requires that at least 85 percent of the credit hour requirements have been completed including most of the requirements for the major.

The late Cade Gochenour, who died on August 21, 2025, meets the University's requirements for the conferral of a posthumous non-thesis Master of Science degree. During the review of Mr. Gochenour's records, the following were noted:

- Mr. Gochenour began his Purdue University graduate program in Fall 2024.
- Mr. Gochenour filed a plan of study consistent with a MS degree in November 2024.
- Mr. Gochenour's interest focused on applications of algae in water treatment and nutrient recovery. He began laboratory research consistent with novel approaches for control of algae propagation during the 2024-2025 academic year.
- Mr. Gochenour was most recently enrolled in the spring 2025 semester.
- The total number of credits earned by Mr. Gochenour was 26 credits, giving him a little more than the required 85% required to be consistent with a non-thesis MS posthumous conferral.

Given that Mr. Gochenour's coursework for the non-thesis option program was almost completed, it is my conclusion that he meets the requirements to receive a posthumous Master of Science degree in the Agricultural and Biological Engineering program. I recommend that this posthumous degree be conferred as of the Fall 2025 semester

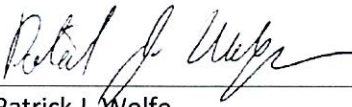
With respect,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Haley Oliver-Jischke'.

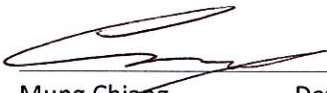
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