

**Senate Document 16-19
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To: **Purdue University Senate**
From: **Senators Alan Beck, Tithi Bhattacharya, Evelyn Blackwood, Elena Coda, Cheryl Cooky, Alan Friedman, Alberto Rodriguez, and Laurel Weldon**
Subject: **Resolution on the Purdue Purchase of Kaplan University**
Disposition: **University Senate for Discussion & Approval**

Whereas,

Faculty governance and faculty control of curriculum are the lifeblood of any healthy University.

As, unfortunately, the unique nature of the announced purchase by Purdue of Kaplan University resulted in a violation of both of those central tenets.

1. No input was sought through regular faculty governance before this decision was made.
2. No assessment of the impact on the academic quality of Purdue, now or in the future, was made.
3. No transparency was demonstrated in this process.
4. No impact study has been taken of effects on faculty, curriculum, students and staff at Purdue.
5. Faculty governance and academic freedom at what will become the “New University” is not assured by the Purdue agreement with Kaplan.
6. The Faculty has already requested, in writing, that the administration use the Senate’s Academic Organization Committee when considering any re-structuring of programs or the creation of new ones at any campus.

Be it resolved that

Based on these violations of both common sense educational practice and respect for the Purdue faculty, we call on the President and Board of Trustees to include faculty in all aspects of decision-making regarding the proposed “New University” and to rescind any decisions, to the degree possible, made without faculty input.

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