

## University Senate Questions and Administrative Responses 17 October 2022

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From time to time during the last 10 years we have reached out to our partners in the private sector to assist us in support areas that were not core to the mission of the university. What may have not been a core business to Purdue has been a core business to each partner we've worked with. These partners have brought great innovation and expertise to the services they provide on campus. The university has been rigorous in our evaluation of each of these partnerships, considering value, cost, and service levels. These partnerships have allowed the university to focus on its core function while also providing cost savings to the university and our students. In addition, companies like Amazon, Aramark, and White Lodging have provided great job opportunities for our students. We're proud of our engagement with the private sectors in those areas where it made sense.

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Work continues on bringing commercial air service to the Purdue Airport (LAF). For commercial service to return, LAF will need an updated terminal capable of handling both commercial airlines and traveler traffic. We're studying the design and cost associated with an updated terminal. We're also still talking with both legacy and low cost carriers about their continued interest in bringing commercial service to LAF. The Federal Aviation Administration requires an environmental assessment each time an airport has plans to add scheduled commercial service. That includes a comprehensive noise study.

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From President Elect Mung Chiang: Thank you for the questions regarding the provost position. <u>The communication made by the search committee on Nov 11</u> has addressed these questions.

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Purdue's <u>Real Estate and Space Administration</u> team works with a number of departments to find short term, furnished housing options. They can usually find solutions and options with ample notice.