

To: The University Senate

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Subject: University Senate Commendation for Jay Akridge in Recognition of His Distinguished Service to the Community

Disposition: University Senate for Discussion and Adoption

Rationale: WHEREAS: Jay Akridge has been a valued and respected member of the Purdue Community for more than forty years.

WHEREAS: Jay Akridge has served the University Senate and Purdue community as a whole as Purdue's Provost, Chief Academic Officer, and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Diversity since July 2017, the longest tenure of any currently serving Provost in the Big Ten.

WHEREAS: In these years, Jay Akridge has shown unflagging dedication to the faculty, staff, and students at Purdue, and has been a crucial participant in and advocate for shared governance in our community.

WHEREAS: Jay Akridge is today attending his final Senate meeting as Provost.

Proposal: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The University Senate formally recognizes and salutes Jay Akridge for his unprecedented excellence, his good humor and fellowship, and his lasting contributions to Purdue University. The Senate recognizes that he will be missed.

Endorsements from past and present shared governance leaders:

Frederick C. Berry, Past Nominating Chair
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