



**PURDUE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**JULY 2, 2019**

**MINUTES**

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Purdue Board of Trustees convened at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 2, 2019, in Room 326 of Stewart Center on the campus of Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana.

All members of the Committee were present in person or by means of electronic communication (telephone conference call) pursuant to the Electronic Meeting Policy: Michael Berghoff, chairman; Thomas Spurgeon, vice chairman; Sonny Beck; JoAnn Brouillette; and Vanessa Castagna. Other trustees present by phone were Michael Klipsch and Noah Scott. Trustees DeKryger, Lehman, and Thompson did not participate in the meeting.

Officers and administrators in attendance were: Bill Sullivan, treasurer and chief financial officer; Jim Almond, senior vice president, assistant treasurer, and assistant secretary; Trent Klingerman, deputy general counsel; Janice Indrutz, corporate secretary and senior executive assistant to the Board; Mike Cline, senior vice president for administrative operations; and Rustin Meister, project manager for the Gateway project. Also participating by phone from the Fort Wayne campus were Ron Elsenbaumer, chancellor; Krissy Creager, vice chancellor for student affairs; and Kim Wagner, chief of staff for Chancellor Elsenbaumer.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Berghoff called the meeting to order and discussed the agenda. Ms. Indrutz conducted roll call, which identified that all members of the Committee were present by phone or in person, constituting a quorum.

**II. APPROVAL OF AMENDED 2019-20 STUDENT HOUSING RATES FOR PURDUE FORT WAYNE**

Chairman Berghoff shared his understanding with the Committee that the demand for student housing at the Fort Wayne campus exceeded supply, which, he said, was good news. He said a method to meet the demand had been identified, and because it would result in changes to housing rates, it required Board approval. Mr. Almond then explained that the Fort Wayne campus had proposed reconfiguring its two-bedroom/two-bathroom deluxe units to allow for four beds per unit, which would add 64 beds and drop the rate from \$8,300 to \$5,420 per student. He added that, if more beds were needed, the standard two-bedroom/two-bathroom units would also be reconfigured in the same way, which would add 144 more beds and drop that rate from \$6,641 to \$4,316 per student.

In response to a question from Trustee Brouillette, Chancellor Elsenbaumer reminded the Committee that the Fort Wayne campus experienced an increased demand for student housing the previous year, and, he said, the trend had continued this year with even stronger demand earlier in the recruiting cycle. Chancellor Elsenbaumer expressed his belief that it would be a sustained demand for the foreseeable future, especially if enrollment increased because of a recession. Mr. Almond also pointed out that the Fort Wayne campus was pulling students from a larger geographical area, and he informed the Committee that a demand study would be conducted as part of the campus planning to determine how to best position the campus for student housing in the future. Trustee Brouillette congratulated Chancellor Elsenbaumer on the “good problem to have” and the progress being made at Purdue Fort Wayne. In response to a question from Trustee Klipsch about revenue implications, Ms. Creager explained how the rate was configured based on projected expenses to modify the rooms.

In response to a question from Chairman Berghoff, Mr. Almond confirmed that the university owned the housing and no new construction was necessary to reconfigure the bedrooms with single beds and additional desks.

Upon proper motion duly made and seconded, and following discussion, the Executive Committee voted unanimously by roll call to approve the amended housing rates on behalf of the full Board. Chancellor Elsenbaumer thanked the Committee. Supporting materials were filed with the minutes.

### **III. APPROVAL TO PLAN, FINANCE, CONSTRUCT AND AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE ENGINEERING AND POLYTECHNIC GATEWAY BUILDING PROJECT**

Mr. Cline requested approval to plan, finance, construct and award the construction contract for the Engineering and Polytechnic Gateway Building project. He explained that the project was originally planned to be delivered in two phases; the first phase was approved by the Board on June 14, 2019, and the second phase was contingent on additional gift support. Mr. Cline was pleased to share that the additional gift support had now been pledged and would allow both phases to commence as one project. Chairman Berghoff remarked that this was one of the most significant projects for campus in the last 5-10 years given its scope and impact.

Mr. Cline reminded the Committee how the facility would be utilized and said the new, 255,000 square foot facility would be located on the site of the existing Nuclear Engineering Building and the Michael Golden Laboratories, which would require demolition of both structures. He outlined the source of funds for the estimated \$140,000,000 project and said construction would take place from March 2020 through September 2022.

Mr. Cline also informed the Committee that approval by the Executive Committee today was necessary in order to obtain the needed State approvals and maintain the construction schedule. Chairman Berghoff reminded the Committee that gift funds were making up a significant portion of the project and that one of the donors was not ready to be publicly identified.

In response to questions from Trustees Beck and Brouillette, Mr. Sullivan said he would soon meet with Dr. Mung Chiang, John A. Edwardson Dean of the College of Engineering, to hear Dean Chiang's ideas for expanding the facility. Chairman Berghoff reiterated that the project would now be completed at once, versus in phases, on an ambitious schedule. He further observed that it would substantially enhance the presence of the College of Engineering and the Polytechnic Institute, and, having been contemplated in the master plan, it would substantially change the east side of campus. Trustee Beck remarked that he had recently walked the area and expressed his belief that the facility would be well-positioned and iconic.

Upon proper motion duly made and seconded, and following discussion, the Executive Committee voted unanimously by roll call to approve the project on behalf of the full Board. Supporting materials were filed with the minutes.

Chairman Berghoff congratulated the College of Engineering and the Polytechnic Institute and said the phenomenal project would be fun to watch. He thanked everyone for their efforts to better position the university to deliver the project on time. Mr. Sullivan thanked the Executive Committee for meeting on short notice to consider both items because it would allow for timely communication on the Fort Wayne campus and with the State.

### **IV. ADJOURNMENT**

By consent, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.