

TO: Jay T. Akridge, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Diversity

FROM: Dimitrios Peroulis, Michael and Katherine Birck Head and Reilly *Peroulis*
Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering

DATE: January 10, 2020

RE: Elmore ECE Emerging Frontier Center(s)

The School of Electrical and Computer Engineering requests to name the Elmore ECE Emerging Frontier Center(s). The goal of the Elmore ECE Emerging Frontier Center(s) is to encourage, enable, and sustain collaborations among ECE faculty, and others across campus, in emerging research areas that will significantly advance the frontiers of knowledge, have transformative impact on society, and catapult Purdue ECE to international preeminence in these areas.

This request honors the generosity of William B. Elmore. William B. Elmore graduated from the College of Engineering with a bachelor's degree in 1975 and a master's degree in 1976, both in electrical engineering. Capturing two gifts, Mr. Elmore has generously committed \$2M – \$300K in April 2019 and \$1.7M in October 2019 – to provide an infusion of support to the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering under the leadership of its new Head, Dimitrios Peroulis. These leadership gifts will establish up to four graduate fellowships, three rising star professorships, two faculty recruitments, and two research centers which will be known as the Elmore ECE Emerging Frontier Center(s).

I believe naming the Elmore ECE Emerging Frontier Center(s) is an appropriate recognition of Mr. Elmore's generosity and support of the School's mission to pursue excellence in teaching and research and request your approval for the naming of the Elmore ECE Emerging Frontier Center(s).

APPROVAL:

Jay T. Akridge
Jay T. Akridge, Provost and
Executive Vice President for
Academic Affairs and Diversity

1/15/20
Date

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