

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

FROM: Beth McCuskey, Vice Provost for Student Life

DATE: March 4, 2020

RE: Request to name the Albert P. Stewart Director of Purdue Musical Organizations

Purdue Musical Organizations requests approval to name the Albert P. Stewart Director of Purdue Musical Organizations.

The endowment for the Albert P. Stewart Director of Purdue Musical Organizations directorship has become available due to the generosity of multiple, loyal donors to the organization who have contributed gifts in excess of \$1.5M. A named directorship for this iconic collegiate music program would ensure that a quality musical professional would continue the legacy the founder of this proud, historic and celebrated organization began.

In 1930, Al Stewart, a former member of the Purdue Glee Club, a West Lafayette native, and local music instructor was asked by Purdue's Dean of Women to direct the Women's Glee Club. Sensing a need to involve as many students as possible, Al Stewart grew Purdue Musical Organizations (formally established in 1933) to proudly serve the Purdue University family, offering opportunities for students to learn, perform, and grow together while engaging audiences everywhere.

I request approval to change the current title that William E. Griffel holds as the Purdue Musical Organizations Director and Jack Calhoun Director of the Purdue Varsity Glee Club to the Albert P. Stewart Director of Purdue Musical Organizations and Jack Calhoun Director of the Purdue Varsity Glee Club effective immediately upon approval of the Board of Trustees. This naming is an appropriate recognition of the generosity and support of the many donors who gave to support this directorship with Purdue Musical Organizations.

APPROVED:

Jay T. Akridge,

Date

3/4/20

Provost and Executive Vice President

For Academic Affairs & Diversity

Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.

Date

President