



BOARD APPROVED

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Janice Indrutz
Corporate Secretary

Members of the Board of Trustees,

The Student Trustee Search and Screening Committee plays a critical role in determining who will ultimately represent Purdue students on the Board of Trustees – and thus, a vital role in shaping the future of our institution.

In light of this importance, Purdue Student Government and the current Student Trustee have sought to codify the function of the Search and Screening Committee to provide clarity and continuity. The following guidelines have been developed and will serve to guide the Search and Screening Committee chair on matters of mission, composition, and timeline.

Student Trustee Search and Screening Committee Process

Mission

The Purdue University Student Trustee Search and Screening Committee is tasked to advertise and promote the opening for the Student Trustee position and evaluate applicants to the position.

Membership

The committee should be chaired by the Vice President of Purdue Student Government or their appointee. Other committee members shall be: one more representative from Purdue Student Government (PSG), no more than two representatives from the Purdue Graduate Student Government (PGSG), one representative designated by the student government associations of each of the regional Purdue campuses, (Purdue Fort Wayne and Purdue Northwest), a representative from the Governor's office, and the current Student Trustee.

Timeline

The timeline of the student trustee search and screening committee should begin with the appointment of a chairperson in the fall proceeding the appointment year and the finalization of the committee by the start of the spring semester. Application should be released in January, and interviews should take place thereafter in the spring semester. A final list of candidates should be submitted by the deadline set by the Governor's office.

With these written guidelines in place, the Search and Screening Committee is well-positioned to carry out its mission of publicizing the Student Trustee opening and evaluating applicants.

Assata Gilmore
President, Purdue Student Government

Hannah Walter
Vice President, Purdue Student Government

Noah Scott
Student Trustee (2019-2021), Purdue University Board of Trustees



Resolution Concerning Updates to the University Process of Selecting the Student Trustee

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 21-23-3-6 (the “Code”) provides for the creation of a search and screening committee to aid the Governor in the selection of the student member of the Purdue University Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the Code specifies that the committee must consist of “one (1) representative of the Governor and at least four (4) students chosen by the elected student government representatives of the student body, including one (1) student from each campus of Purdue University, main and regional”; and

WHEREAS, the Code further provides (i) that the search and screen committee shall establish the mode and criteria to be used in the selection of student nominees to serve on the Board of Trustees, (ii) that the committee shall submit at least 10 students to the Governor for their consideration, and (iii) that the Governor shall select one student for appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, to clarify outdated portions of the previous resolution – originally proposed during the 2016-2017 academic year – concerning the search and screen committee function, the President and Vice President of Purdue Student Government during the 2020-2021 academic year, Assata Gilmore and Hannah Walter, respectively, and the current Student Trustee, Noah Scott, led an effort to codify its processes and, on behalf of Purdue Student Government, propose an amended formal committee governance structure to the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the Gilmore-Walter-Scott proposal recommends to the Board of Trustees that the timeline of the search and screen committee process should begin with the appointment of a chairperson no later than the fall semester preceding the year of appointment, finalization of the committee prior to the start of the spring semester, applications made available to students in January of the year of appointment, and interviews held thereafter during the spring semester; and

WHEREAS, Purdue administrative offices such as the Vice Provost for Student Life (or future equivalent positions) have historically aided in the Student Trustee selection process; and

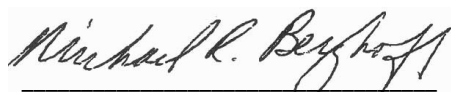
WHEREAS, in exercising its statutory duties under the Code, the Board of Trustees recognizes the critical role that the Student Trustee plays in helping to guide the initiatives and affairs of Purdue University for the benefit of students; and

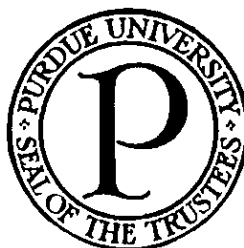
WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees seeks to formalize the search and screen committee structure effective starting with Student Trustee selection process for the 2021-2023 Student Trustee;

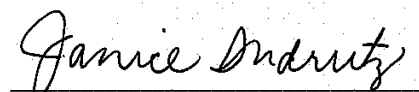
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRUSTEES OF PURDUE UNIVERSITY THAT:

1. The Vice Provost for Student Life (or future equivalent position) shall designate no more than two members of their staff to provide oversight of the Student Trustee search process conducted by the search and screen committee organized pursuant to Indiana Code 21-23-3-6 (the "Student Trustee Search Committee");
2. Such staff member(s) shall, together with the chair of the Student Trustee Search Committee, keep the Corporate Secretary apprised of the status of the search process and seek their assistance to secure funding, personnel support, and other resources as needed;
3. The Student Trustee Search Committee shall be chaired by the Vice President of Purdue Student Government (or their designee) and also include: (i) a second representative from Purdue Student Government; (ii) no more than two representatives from Purdue Graduate Student Government; (iii) one representative from each of the regional campuses' student government associations (Purdue University Fort Wayne and Purdue University Northwest); (iv) one representative from the Governor's Office; and (v) the current Student Trustee;
4. Both undergraduate and graduate students enrolled at the Purdue West Lafayette, Purdue Fort Wayne, and Purdue Northwest campuses may apply for the position of Student Trustee;
5. To ensure an equitable process, only members of the Student Trustee Search Committee and those providing oversight to the committee may review the Student Trustee applications, interview the candidates, and forward the 10 finalists to the Governor pursuant to Indiana Code;
6. The Board of Trustees will, consistent with longstanding customs and practice, welcome and embrace each student selected by the Governor for service on the Board over the entirety of their two-year term, the first of which will begin on July 1, 2021, and with the terms of future Student Trustees to recur every two years thereafter in accordance with the Code.

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Michael R. Berghoff, Chairman




Janice A. Indrutz, Secretary