

**PURDUE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**CHARTER**

**I. MISSION AND PURPOSE**

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee (the “Committee”) is established under the Bylaws of the Trustees of Purdue University to maintain oversight of the academic functions of the University.

In furtherance of this responsibility, the Committee’s mission is: (1) to advocate for the academic success and personal and professional development of the student body at each of Purdue’s campuses, (2) to ensure the support of faculty and staff as they pursue excellence and success in their roles, and (3) to foster institutional excellence in the ongoing quest to elevate and enhance the impact and efficiency of the University’s research, teaching and engagement missions.

**II. COMPOSITION**

As provided in the Bylaws, after consultation with the Board, the Chairman shall appoint a minimum of three members of the Board to the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, who shall serve until the next biennial meeting (as defined in the Bylaws) and until their successors are appointed. In addition, the Chairperson for the Purdue University Senate shall, despite not being a member of the Board, serve as a non-voting, *ex-officio* member of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee during his or her one-year term as Chairperson.

**III. MEETINGS**

The Committee shall meet at scheduled stated meetings and may meet more frequently as circumstances dictate, whether in person or by means of electronic communication pursuant to the Board’s Electronic Meeting Policy.

**IV. RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES**

Consistent with its oversight role, the Committee focuses on policies, programs, activities, and systems that promote an exceptional, equitable and inclusive academic and student life experience, with the goal of ensuring that students receive an outstanding, affordable, and rewarding education at Purdue University and that faculty and staff are able to pursue their highest professional aspirations. In fulfilling this charge, the functions of the Committee include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Review and approval of all proposed new majors and degrees and any changes to existing majors and degrees;
- Review and approval of any reorganizations of existing academic structures; (departments, schools, etc.) and/or proposed new academic structures;
- Review and approval of posthumous degree requests;
- Review and approval of named administrative, faculty, and staff positions;
- Review and approval of the naming of any academic entity (college, school, department, center, etc.); and
- Review and approval of promotion and tenure in accordance with Board policy.

The Committee works closely with the Office of the Provost to provide guidance and insight on strategic questions that affect the academic enterprise.

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee also cultivates and maintains a relationship with the University Senate through the Chair of the University Senate, who is an *ex officio* member of the Committee, as provided in Article II above.