

June 11, 2021

Michael Berghoff
Chairman
Board of Trustees
Purdue University

**RE: Extension of Appointment and Exception from Retirement Policy (VI.F.9)
for Gary Bertoline, Senior Vice President for Purdue Online and Learning
Innovation**

Dear Chair Berghoff,

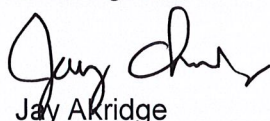
I am writing following my conferral with President Daniels to seek Board of Trustees approval of an extension of Dr. Gary Bertoline's appointment as Senior Vice President for Purdue Online and Learning Innovation through June 30, 2024, together with an exception from University Policy VI.F.9. As you know, this policy requires University executives and staff in high policymaking positions to retire by the end of the fiscal year in which he or she attains the age of 65 if the employee has been employed for the two-year period immediately before retirement and is entitled to minimum retirement benefits specified by federal law. Dr. Bertoline first met the policy criteria for mandatory retirement from his deanship at the end of fiscal year 2018. In December 2015, he was granted an exception from the policy and his Dean appointment was extended through June 30, 2020 and in October 2019 his appointment was extended again through June 30, 2022.

As you know, Dr. Bertoline leads Purdue Online and will lead the learning technology activities in the Innovation College. In these roles, he is responsible for coordinating all online educational programs, courses, and offerings of the Purdue system and leading our system-wide strategy to expand our online offerings and ensure the University's online learning mission meets the needs of our students. He will be working closely with Purdue Global to fully align our respective approaches and exploit opportunities to collaborate where appropriate.

Retaining Dr. Bertoline's leadership of Purdue Online and learning innovation through June 30, 2024 will be essential to moving forward the Purdue Next Moves Transformative Education 2.0 initiative as well.

Dr. Bertoline is willing to continue as Senior Vice President; and, in my judgment, the University is best served by granting a third exception to the retirement policy to permit him to do so in this new role. I sincerely hope that the Trustees will grant this request to extend Dr. Bertoline's appointment through June 30, 2024, as well as renewing the related retirement policy exception beyond June 30, 2022 to accommodate such an extension.

Best regards,



Jay Akridge
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Diversity