

**M E M O R A N D U M**

**To:** Board of Trustees

**From:** Steve Schultz, SVP and General Counsel

**Cc:** Mung Chiang, President  
Patrick Wolfe, Provost and Executive VP for Academic Affairs and Diversity  
Christopher A. Ruhl, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer  
Matt Folk, Vice President for University Advancement and Alumni Engagement

**Re:** Redesignation of the Graduate School to the Office of the Vice Provost for Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Scholars

**Date:** March 29, 2024

**Purpose.** The purpose of this memo is to request approval to rename and redesignate the Graduate School as the “Office of the Vice Provost for Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Scholars.”

**Attachments.**

- Request to change name from the Graduate School to Office of the Vice Provost for Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Scholars effective July 1, 2024
- Academic Organization Committee (AOC) response to Graduate Transformation Proposal
- Acting Associate Provost Barker’s response to AOC comments/recommendations

**Background.** The Graduate School was established by act of the Board of Trustees in May 1929 to provide general oversight of graduate students, graduate courses, and applicable regulations. In June 2023, President Chiang and Provost Wolfe requested that Dr. Barker conduct a thorough and thoughtful review of current functions of the Purdue Graduate School with an emphasis on identifying mechanisms to enhance graduate and professional student support and career preparation while removing administrative barriers to student success.

**Request.** Based on the above background and the attached materials, and on behalf of President Chiang and the Naming Committee, I respectfully request approval and adoption from the Board of Trustees of the resolution set forth below.

“**RESOLVED**, that the Graduate School be, and hereby is, renamed and redesignated as the Office of the Vice Provost for Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Scholars, effective July 1, 2024.”