



**PURDUE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

FEBRUARY 7, 2025 | MINUTES

A meeting of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees convened at 8:49 a.m. on Friday, February 7, 2025, in Room 326 of Stewart Center on the campus of Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana.

Committee members present included: JoAnn Brouillette, chair; Kevin Boes; Vanessa Castagna; Shawn Taylor and Professor Susan South (ex-officio). Other trustees present: Sonny Beck; Theresa Carter, Malcolm DeKryger; Michael Klipsch, Gary Lehman, and David Ricks.

Officers and administrators in attendance: Mung Chiang, president; Patrick Wolfe, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs and diversity; Chris Ruhl, chief financial officer and treasurer; Eva Nodine, vice president, deputy cfo, assistant treasurer, and assistant secretary; Steve Schultz, general counsel; Cindy Ream, corporate secretary and senior executive assistant to the Board.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES; OCTOBER 4, 2024

Upon proper motion duly made and seconded, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes for a meeting convened on October 4, 2024.

II. (WL) APPROVAL TO APPOINT THE INDIANA ACPA PROFESSOR IN CONCRETE PAVING AND MATERIALS SCIENCE

Committee Chair Brouillette shared that Dr. Lu has been in the Civil Engineering Department since 2015 and currently serves as the Reilly Professor of Civil Engineering. Ms. Brouillette added that Dr. Lu's company Wavelogix Inc. has received multiple awards. Provost Wolfe respectfully requested approval to appoint Dr. Luna Lu as the Indiana ACPA Professor in Concrete Paving and Materials Science. He noted that ACPA is the Indiana American Concrete Pavement Association and shared that much of Dr. Lu's work impacts concrete paved highways and bridges. The Indiana ACPA's generous gift and contribution has allowed this professorship to be established specifically for Dr. Lu. She has received several awards including a number of Early Career Awards.

Upon proper motion duly made and seconded, the Academic and Student Affairs Committee voted unanimously to recommend full Board approval of Dr. Luna Lu's appointment as the Indiana ACPA Professor in Concrete Paving and Materials Science. Supporting materials were filed with the minutes.

Dr. Lu thanked the Board of Trustees, President Chiang and the senior leadership team for their remarkable visionary leadership which has made Purdue one of the most consequential institutions in the United States and noted she is honored to be part of the faculty. She thanked the Indiana ACPA chapter for their support as well as Dean Raman, Prof. Govindaraju, and Eric Putman from the development team. She thanked her former and current students. In closing she thanked her husband for his unconditional love, sacrifices, and support.

III. (PNW) APPROVAL OF NEW DEGREES

Provost Wolfe respectfully requested approval for the introduction of a new degree program at Purdue University in Indianapolis (Hybrid format): the M.S. in Radiopharmaceutical Manufacturing. He emphasized that the need for structured academic programs in radiopharmaceutical manufacturing has been recognized as a critical priority, both at the national and state levels.

Trustee Ricks added that, though he is not (yet) officially a member of the Committee, he saw great potential and value in the program and would give it a strong endorsement. Whereupon, after a motion duly made and seconded, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the M.S. in Radiopharmaceutical Manufacturing degree at Purdue University in Indianapolis. Supporting materials were filed with the minutes.

Next, Provost Wolfe requested approval for a second new degree, M.S. Sport Management. The degree is residential with courses taught in West Lafayette and Indianapolis. The program will touch on the basics of entering a career in sports management and has built in internship and externship opportunities due to established partnerships with Purdue Athletics and the Indy Sports Corp. Committee Chair Brouillette recognized Dr. Jeanne Boyd and Dr. Patrick Tutka who are leading the program. Ms. Brouillette shared that with the strengths of Purdue and our state, we are on the cusp of something big and that sports academia could be Purdue's space.

Upon proper motion duly made and seconded, the Academic and Student Affairs Committee voted unanimously to approve the new degree, M.S. in Sport Management at Purdue University West Lafayette. Supporting materials were filed with the minutes.

IV. UNIVERSITY SENATE REPORT

Professor Susan South, university senate chair, began her presentation with an update on the January meeting noting items that have passed and those for discussion. She shared presentations given at the meeting which included the following topics; NIL update, Mental Health Resources, Purdue Psychology Treatment and Research Clinics, and Supporting Student Well-Being and Mental Health, Well-Being Unit and Counseling and Psychological Service. She provided findings about the gender differences in Purdue enrollment, noting 58.7% male undergraduates as compared to 41.3% female undergraduates. She shared recommendations for Purdue to increase women in all STEM fields. A copy of Professor South's presentation was filed with the minutes.

By consent, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.