



RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR DEBASISH “DEBA” DUTTA

WHEREAS, Dr. Debasish “Deba” Dutta has served Purdue with distinction and excellence as Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Diversity and Professor of Mechanical Engineering since 2014; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dutta’s close relationship with Purdue dates back to 1989, when he earned a Ph.D. in Industrial Engineering from Purdue; and

WHEREAS, he was appointed Provost in May 2014, a role in which, working closely with the Office of the President and other leaders around campus, he has been responsible for all of Purdue’s colleges and schools and related academic activities, its libraries, cultural centers, admissions, registrar, financial aid, and various student success programs, in addition to the appointment and retention of our world-class faculty and staff; and

WHEREAS, in July 2015, he was appointed Chief Diversity Officer, in charge of ensuring that diversity and inclusion are a priority for all areas of the university, including faculty, staff and students; and

WHEREAS, through this role and his deep personal commitment to building a more diverse and inclusive campus community, he has broadened the conversation and programming about diversity at Purdue among underrepresented racial and ethnic minorities, women, first-generation students, members of the LGBTQ community and people with disabilities, and has leveraged the success of the ADVANCE-Purdue initiative for the advancement of women in science and engineering careers; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dutta established a large and diverse Advisory Committee on Diversity, ensuring that everyone’s voices are represented in Purdue’s efforts to elevate the conversation on diversity and inclusion; and

WHEREAS, he launched the Diversity Transformation Awards to recognize and support ideas designed to impact and enhance diversity and inclusion at Purdue; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dutta has also shown tremendous commitment to furthering Purdue’s academic mission, championing the creation of several new initiatives including New Horizons, which challenges faculty to create groundbreaking fields of inquiry that place Purdue in the vanguard of new disciplines, and Research Refresh, which allows tenured faculty to set aside dedicated time to intensively focus on their research and reinvigorate their careers; and

WHEREAS, he balanced his attention across all disciplines on campus and his focus on equally promoting both teaching and research; and

WHEREAS, he has also enhanced student success through better academic advising, increasing graduation rates and co-curricular opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dutta is a respected member of the engineering community, holding fellow positions with the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers; and

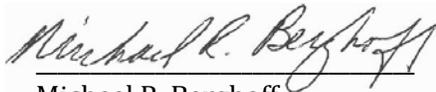
WHEREAS, Dr. Deba Dutta will step aside as Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Diversity effective June 30, 2017;

WHEREAS, his impact on the future and culture of Purdue University has been profound and will continue long after his departure; and

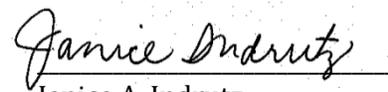
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE TRUSTEES OF PURDUE UNIVERSITY:

1. That the Trustees recognize the positive impact of Dr. Deba Dutta's tenure as Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Diversity on its students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community; and
2. That enormous gratitude and appreciation are expressed to Dr. Deba Dutta for his loyalty and service to Purdue University; and
3. That Dr. Dutta is to be congratulated and thanked for his tremendous contributions to our University; and
4. That Dr. Dutta's many achievements are part of the great, permanent history of Purdue and will never be forgotten; and
5. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Trustees as part of the permanent record of the University.

JUNE 16, 2017



Michael R. Berghoff
Chairman



Janice A. Indrutz
Secretary