

Speechwriting-Board of Trustees Meeting

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Good morning and thank you for your interest in attending the Purdue University Board of Trustees June 2017 meeting. I'm President Mitch Daniels. The people here before me are not only executives in Fortune companies and business owners, but they are leaders in determining the future of Purdue University. Their efforts affect the global branding of Purdue. The trustees are active in supporting organizations on campus. If not for the trustees, the success of certain programs on the campus of Purdue University would not be possible.

Since its introduction in 2013, Purdue Moves has provided many opportunities for faculty, staff, students, and the general public. Last year, Purdue Moves made it possible for Purdue University to be the first in the world to map the structure of the Zika Virus. That is the first step of stopping possible birth defects. The 2017-2018 school year will be off to a great start because on August 7th, the innovative Wilmeth Active Learning Center will open. All of the trustees have provided their expertise on creating a collaborative environment that creates engagement amongst students, which helps students transition from the classroom to the workforce.

Purdue has a chance to reach further to educate a large number of adults. A special meeting was held on April 27 in regards to the purchase of Kaplan University. Purdue is awaiting approval from the US Department of Education, but once it is approved, Purdue will reach out beyond the state of Indiana. Satellite programs will help us reach out to people across the United States who are in the workforce and desire to obtain a degree.

Purdue has made history for the past one hundred and forty-eight years, but there are so many upcoming projects that will help the future of education. During the next hour, the trustees will discuss their research, guidance, and ideas for the future of Purdue University. It is my honor to present to you, the Purdue University Board of Trustees.

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