

March 19, 2010

Dear Colleagues,

As the end of the semester approaches, I would like to invite all of you to participate in the University's first annual Strategic Planning Stakeholders Conference next month. This event is an important part of our strategic planning process and will provide an opportunity for the campus community to hear progress and audit reports on each of the goal areas. This is also intended to be another opportunity for campus input on ways the initiatives and strategies could be improved to ensure that we achieve progress toward our goals.

The date of the event is now Tuesday, April 27, and it will take place in the Heritage Ballroom and Lounge in Tirey Hall. While the conference will last most of the day, you are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions. Here is a brief outline of the agenda:

8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
9 a.m.	Plenary Session featuring Chris Murphy, member and former chair of the Indiana Commission for Higher Education
10 a.m.	Goal One: Increase Enrollment and Student Success
11 a.m.	Goals Two and Three: Advance Experiential Learning and Enhance Community Engagement
Noon	Lunch (Note: Please RSVP to Rita Anderson, ext. 4000 if attending lunch) Luncheon Keynote TBD
1:15 p.m.	Goals Four and Five: Strengthen and Leverage Programs of Strength and Promise and Diversify Revenue: Philanthropy, Contracts and Grants
2:15 p.m.	Goal Six: Recruit and Retain Great Faculty and Staff and Partnering for Success Initiatives
3:15 p.m.	Closing Comments

Although it has only been a matter of months since the strategic plan was launched last fall, I am encouraged by the level and quality of work already underway. The Goal Chairs and Implementation Teams have worked diligently to put the words of the strategic plan into motion. The Audit Chairs and Committees will be reviewing this work and work plans and providing constructive feedback on ways we might improve our efforts. Given the short time period for this first review cycle, much of the progress will be measured by the work plans, processes, timelines and initial steps that have been developed. As we move forward, the true measure of success will be the advancements made toward reaching our goals as evidenced by our benchmark indicators.

I would like to express my deep appreciation to the more than 200 people who are actively working to implement and assess the plan. The impact of this work will benefit our students, our employees, our community and beyond. I hope you will consider joining us for all or part of this first Stakeholders Conference.

I would also like to request your input on the goals that have been established for discussions regarding the Division of Student Affairs. These goals, which were shared with the Student Affairs staff earlier this week, were created as a result of input received from across campus. I would like to focus the discussion on how we might work to achieve these goals. I will be meeting with the Student Affairs Senior Leadership Team and others in the near future and would appreciate having campus feedback by Friday, March 26. You may send it to president@indstate.edu or provide it through the Faculty Senate or Staff Council leadership.

The goals can be accessed at: <http://www.indstate.edu/president/lettertostudentaffairs.pdf>.

Other updates I would like to provide:

- Last Friday, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education approved a further expansion of ISU's College of Nursing, Health and Human Services with the go-ahead for doctoral degrees in nursing practice and physical therapy. These approvals come one month after ISU received the Commission's support for a Master of Science degree in physician assistant studies. These programs are an important part of our efforts to address a critical shortage of health-care workers, especially in rural areas. Congratulations to **Dean Biff Williams** and his colleagues for garnering this approval.
- Indiana State senior **Kylie Hutson** won her third national pole vaulting championship last weekend with a school record jump of 14'-9", the third best jump in collegiate history. This was Kylie's second straight NCAA Indoor Pole Vault Championship. She also is the defending national outdoor champion. She holds the Indiana State and Missouri Valley Conference records for both indoor and outdoor pole vault and has received her fourth All-American recognition. Fellow seniors **Lauren Martin** and **Erica Moore** were also named All-Americans by the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association. Lauren, a three time All-American, finished fifth in the women's triple jump with a school record jump of 43'-10". Erica received her first All-American recognition after placing ninth in the women's 800 meter run with a time of 2:06:09. These women also excel in the classroom and have all three also achieved Academic All-American accolades previously. Best of luck to these seniors and their teammates as they move into the outdoor season.
- Nursing Professor **Betsy Frank** has received the 2010 Midwest Nursing Research Society Nursing Education Advancement of Science Award for her commitment to promote nursing education and nursing education research. Frank will present on her current work at the Nursing Education Research Section meeting April 9 in Kansas City, Missouri.
- **Josh Powers**, chair of the Department of Educational Leadership, Administration and Foundations, has been selected as the second annual Association of University Technology Managers 2010 Volunteer of the Year Award. AUTM is a professional association of about 3,500 members who specialize in academic commercialization and associated patenting and licensing activities. Josh has been a part of the organization for 10 years. He received the award at the annual AUTM meeting in New Orleans this week.

- Cross country athlete **Scott Keeney** has been awarded a \$7,500 scholarship from the NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Committee which he plans to use to go to medical school after graduating this spring. Both the men's and women's cross country teams received All-Academic Team honors from the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association earlier this month. The men's team ranks 19th in the nation with a 3.44 grade point average while the women's team ranks 21st with a 3.58 gpa.
- Congratulations are also in order for **Air Force Major Ed Buchanan** who has retired from the Air Force after completing 30 years of active duty service. Major Buchanan taught in our aerospace studies as part of the Air Force ROTC program and served as the commandant of cadets. Starting as a member of the enlisted core in 1979, he worked his way up through the ranks to become a noncommissioned officer and then a commissioned officer. He earned many awards throughout his career and helped build the 218th Cadet Wing into one of the best in the region.
- Five faculty members are the inaugural recipients of Diversity Research Grants awarded by the Office of Diversity. Grants were awarded to: **Lisa Phillips** and students from her U.S. Women's History class, "Telling U.S. History Through Our Families' Past;" **Debra Israel** and doctoral student **Katrina Davis**, "Gender Diversity in Economics at ISU;" **Mary Howard-Hamilton** and members of the Student African American Sisterhood Executive Board, "Assessing the Impact of a Racial/Ethnic Graduation Ceremony on the Identity Development of African American Students;" **Cindy Crowder** and graduate student **Min Hsuan Wu**, "Perceptions Related to Career Barriers: Case Studies in the Leadership Development of Minority Administrators in Higher Education;" and **Gerardo Cummings**, "Ismael Rodriguez: Cinematic Representations of Identity and the Dichotomy of the Two Mexicos." These mini grants will provide a small sum (payable in two installments of \$300 each at the beginning and end of the program) to University faculty members whose work includes diversity as an essential element. For each grant, the recipient has also agreed to deliver a public presentation of the funded project in a diversity research conference here at ISU on Saturday, November 6, 2010. The review team for the applications consisted of two representatives of the faculty suggested by the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate, two University administrators, and a graduate student. All the applications submitted were worthy investigations of diversity across the curriculum.
- The Newport Chemical Depot (NECD) history collection is the latest addition to the **Wabash Valley Visions and Voices** digital collections. The Visions Project is based at ISU's Cunningham Memorial Library and is dedicated to the documentation and preservation of the region's history and heritage in print, pictures and sound.
- Employees looking to save money on parking while on extended business or personal trips out of the Indianapolis airport may want to consider using one-way rentals from Enterprise. The cost

of a one-way standard sedan from the Wabash Avenue Enterprise location to the Indianapolis airport would be around \$36. The employee would need to turn the vehicle in at the airport and then pick up another vehicle when returning for a one-way rental back to Terre Haute. The return trip would have an additional surcharge of \$9.00 on top of the approximate \$36 rental fee. When on ISU business, these charges can be direct billed. For personal use, ISU employees can still obtain the same rates but will need to provide a personal credit card for billing. The rental fee ends up being about the same costs as round-trip mileage to the airport and back with no parking fees incurred.

- Students are currently being asked to participate in the National Survey on Student Engagement (NSSE). This survey is an important part of our data collection regarding student participation in internships, community engagement, study abroad and other experiences. Students completing the survey will be eligible for a drawing for Visa gift cards. Please encourage them to complete the survey by the mid-April deadline.

Have a great weekend.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Bradley
President