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Board of Trustees OK new academic programs

Sycamores have a bevy of new academic program options, which were approved by the Indiana State University Board of Trustees on Friday, May 12.

New degrees in physics, intelligence analysis and cyber security studies and new minors in traffic engineering technology, corrections, forensic investigations, law and administration, and law enforcement and evidence will be offered in fall 2017. Accelerated graduate programs are also now possible.

"Indiana State University is committed to offering innovative programs that reflect both student interests and workforce needs in the state," said Mike Licari, provost and vice president of academic affairs at Indiana State. "We need to be ready to adapt curriculum and to create new programs, and I so applaud the faculty for their creativity and thoughtful innovations."

The new Bachelor of Arts in physics was proposed after an external review of State's chemistry and physics programs in 2015-16. The recommendation was recently reinforced in a joint report of the American Physical Society and American Association of Physics Teachers encouraging physics programs to redesign their curriculum, offering both B.S. and B.A. degrees, in which the latter is "intended to promote a broader education by requiring fewer physics courses."

The B.A. degree is primarily intended for students who do not plan to pursue a career as a professional physicist or seek a graduate degree in physics. It is more appropriately suited for students who plan to pursue secondary teaching opportunities, enroll in a professional program in the medical or health sciences or pursue other career paths such as business opportunities, law school, the military, etc. Half of the students who completed the physics major at Indiana State over the past six years have pursued similar alternative career pathways.

The new intelligence analysis program is also rooted in an assessment process. First, students said they would like to learn about criminal justice related to intelligence analysis and cyber crime. Secondly, the department of criminal justice and criminology contacted several state, federal and local agency directors regarding the gaps in education for incoming employees and the field. All agreed intelligence analysis is a growing sector of employment that is currently underserved by the educational community.

The cyber and security studies program was also born from interest by students and the criminal justice sector. This new criminal justice program will focus on intelligence analysis, cyber crime and private security.

Adding a traffic engineering technology minor to the civil engineering technology major to allow students a focus in the area of transportation engineering.

Other new minors within the criminal justice and criminology department will include a writing-intensive course to help improve students' writing skills.

Trustees also approved minimum standards, policies and procedures for the new accelerated graduate programs. Proposals must be approved by the graduate council and faculty senate as part of the curricular process.

Programs can offer a regular and accelerated graduate program options, but regular and accelerated graduate degree maps must be submitted to show the curriculum can be completed under both models.

In other business:

- Licari announced Caroline Mallory has been selected to be dean of the College of Health and Human Services and Chris Olsen will lead the College of Arts and Sciences as dean.

Mallory comes to Indiana State from the Illinois State University Mennonite College of Nursing, where she has served on faculty for 17 years and the past seven years as associate dean for research and graduate program coordinator. She will begin her duties at Indiana State on July 17.

Olsen has been a member of the Indiana State faculty since 1999 and has served as chair of the history department from 2002 to 2016, when he was selected as interim dean of Arts and Sciences.

- As part of the continued effort to upgrade student housing, trustees authorized Diann McKee, senior vice president of finance and administration and treasurer for Indiana State, to secure financing of \$20.5 million for Rhoads Residence Hall, which is the fourth and final phase of the Sycamore Towers complex renovation project.

"This is quite an accomplishment to get all four of the towers completed," McKee said.

Funding for the project is from residence hall capital reserves of \$4.1 million and bond proceeds not to exceed \$16.4 million. All state approvals have been secured, with the final plan of financing subject to approval of the Indiana Finance Authority and state budget director.

The first renovation phase of the Sycamore Towers complex, which dates back to the 1960s, was Mills Hall, which reopened in 2015. Second-phase Blumberg Hall welcomed students last fall, and Cromwell is set to reopen fall 2017.

Work on Rhoads will begin later this month and is slated to be ready for occupancy in August 2018.

- Trustees approved the proposed amendment to the Sodexo services agreement, which extends the vendor relationship through June 30, 2031, and includes a funding mechanism sufficient to complete desired facilities/equipment renovations and enhancements to the Sycamore Towers dining facility.

- President Dan Bradley reported the state legislative session went well for Indiana State. The university's highest legislative priority -- a special \$4.7 million appropriation to fund student success initiatives -- was funded, and the university received full funding for the \$15 million renovation of the Commerce and Fine Arts Building.

"While we did not come ahead in the performance funding formula, we have made tremendous progress in closing the gap, and I project that Indiana State will be coming out ahead in the formula in the next biennial budget," Bradley said.

- Trustees approved naming the atrium and recital hall in the Landini Center for Performing and Fine Arts the Margaret L. Boyce Atrium and the Margaret L. Boyce Recital Hall in recognition of Lt. Margaret L. Boyce's long-standing support of Indiana State's music programs.

A \$750,000 outright gift will support School of Music activities including visiting artist series, visiting lectureships, student scholars, faculty development, musical equipment and instruments. An additional \$281,918.20 gift will be added to the existing Margaret L. Boyce Endowed Scholarship in choral music.

- The board approved recommended changes to the following policies: 305 (faculty appointment, promotion and tenure), 305.15.6.1 (formerly 305.7.6.1, expectations to general six-year rule), 210.2, 310.1.8 (graduate research and thesis committees), 315.1.1 (regular graduate faculty), 360 (sponsored programs), 405 (family educational rights and privacy act), 255 (Staff Council bylaws).

The next meeting is set for Friday, June 23.

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