

April 3, 2009

Dear colleagues,

As the beauty of our campus blossoms with springtime, the achievements of our faculty continue to flourish as well.

Two of our finest, **Nan McEntire** and **Joshua Powers**, have been selected for prestigious programs. Dr. McEntire, an associate professor of English and director of the ISU Folklore Archives, has been named a Fulbright scholar for the spring semester of 2010. She will be researching traditional tune acquisition in the Shannon region of Ireland. Her work will be sponsored by the Irish World Academy of Music and Dance at the University of Limerick.

Dr. Powers, chairperson and associate professor of educational leadership, administration and foundations, has been selected as an American Council on Education (ACE) Fellow for the 2009-10 academic year. The ACE Fellows Program is designed to identify and prepare promising senior faculty and administrators for responsible positions in college and university administration. Each ACE Fellow spends the academic year working with a college or university president and other senior officers at a host institution.

I hope you will join me in congratulating Nan and Josh on these tremendous accomplishments. While we will miss their presence on our campus, the wonderful opportunities these programs will provide will certainly have an impact on our students when they return.

Other updates:

- **Strategic Planning:** Thank you to everyone who participated in our Strategic Planning Workshop last week. I would especially like to thank Steve Brown, Bob English, Tom Johnson, Mary Ellen Linn, Nancy Merritt, Al Perone, Carmen Tillery, Rich Toomey, Dawn Underwood, Biff Williams and Priscilla Wolfe for serving as our small-group facilitators. I appreciated the level of discussion and the thoughtfulness everyone displayed during the day and a half session.

The workshop marks the mid-point in the planning process, but there is still time to get involved. The entire campus is invited to offer opinions and suggestions regarding the initiatives discussed at the workshop. This information is available on an intranet site at http://www.indstate.edu/strategic_plan/stratus/. You will need your Novell username and password to access this information. We have chosen to place the information on a secure site since these ideas are in the preliminary stage of discussion and have not been fully vetted at this point. I would also encourage you to submit additional ideas that should be considered for inclusion in the strategic plan. Next week, the Strategic Planning Advisory Committee will be meeting to review the small group reports and plan next steps.

- **Student Recreation Center Preview:** Students, faculty, staff and the public will get a sneak preview of the new Student Recreation Center during an open house on Monday, April 6, from 4 to 7 p.m. The center will open this summer. I hope you will stop by to see this wonderful addition to our campus.
- **Spring Week:** Union Board has been busy planning a full slate of activities for this year's Spring Week. Personally, I am looking forward to seeing the Tandem Race on April 18. Qualifications for the race will take place at 10 a.m. tomorrow on the track at Rec East. The weeklong Spring Week activities officially begin on Sunday, April 12, with track and field competitions. In addition to the tug-of-war and air band

contests, there will be a carnival and a community service activity. For more details, visit www.indstate.edu/sao.

- **Spring Choral Showcase Concert:** The ISU Department of Music will host the 2009 Spring Choral Showcase Concert tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Centenary United Methodist Church. The program will include a variety of music in various languages. The ISU Concert Choir, which is becoming known as one of the most respected choral ensembles in the Midwest, will be featured. The concert is free.
- **NIFA Competition:** I am pleased that Indiana State has been selected to host the National Intercollegiate Flying Association national competition next May. This event will provide a boost to the local economy by attracting around 30 teams and 100 aircraft. Between 600 and 800 people are expected to stay in Terre Haute hotels during the week-long competition. Hosting the event will also provide our students with an excellent learning opportunity as. Congratulations to the College of Technology and the aviation program for their hard work in securing this event.
- **Severe Weather Policy:** Revisions to our severe weather policy have been developed to clarify the factors that impact decisions on closing the university during inclement weather. The draft documents are available at: www1.indstate.edu/president/severeweather.pdf. I would encourage you to review it and provide any feedback to Provost Jack Maynard.

Lastly, I hope that you will consider supporting the Support Staff Council's fundraiser for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. The fundraiser gives you the unique opportunity to determine what job I will do on April 10. The possibilities including working at the recycling center, the Sub Connection, the circulation desk at the library, as an attendant in the HMSU visitor parking lot, helping clean up tables in the HMSU Commons, serving on the grounds crew or being a student. The cost is \$1 per vote or 6 votes for \$5. *Today is the last day tickets will be sold.* They are available in the lobby of Parsons Hall from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. I am anxious to see what assignment I will get as I have more experience in some of these areas than others. I am looking forward to it and hope that we raise a lot of money for a great cause.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Bradley
President