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Dear colleagues,

As summer swings into full gear, I have enjoyed meeting with our incoming students and their parents during the various orientation sessions. Their enthusiasm is inspiring and is partly driven by the caring attitudes they have experienced from all of you. Thanks to all the faculty, staff and students who are assisting with this year's summer orientation program.

I am pleased to announce that the university will be implementing a professional development program for faculty and staff beginning this fall. Leadership ISU will be similar in concept to Leadership Wabash Valley but with a specific focus on various aspects of university operations. ISU Foundation President Gene Crume will chair a campus-wide advisory committee that will develop and operate the program with coordination provided by Leadership Wabash Valley. Details on how to nominate someone for the first class will be forthcoming.

In other professional development matters, two Indiana State employees have been selected to participate in programs run by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) and Indiana Campus Compact.

I was honored to nominate Carmen Tillery, Indiana State's dean of students, for AASCU's Millennium Leadership Institute which began last Saturday in Washington, D.C. Carmen is part of the 10th anniversary class for this program, which was originally conceived by AASCU'S African-American presidents to ensure that the next generation of leaders in higher education reflects the nation's diversity. The institute provides promising senior level administrators a focused and rigorous leadership development program to prepare them to become a college or university president or chancellor.

Laura Bates, associate professor of English, has been selected as a Faculty Fellow for the Indiana Campus Compact 2009-2010 Faculty Fellows program. She will be a member of the 14th Class of Fellows working to integrate service-learning and community engagement into teaching, research, and professional service. As a fellow, Laura will participate in three overnight retreats with other members of the class, and she will receive a \$3,750 award to help fund her work in community engagement and service learning, including support to participate in a national conference. This is the latest component of a great relationship with Campus Compact that has helped develop our community engagement efforts.

Congratulations to Carmen and Laura for being selected for these prestigious programs.

Other updates I would like to provide:

- NCAA OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS – Indiana State sent four student athletes to the 2009 national championships in outdoor track and field currently taking place in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Junior Kylie Hutson easily advanced to the finals of the women's pole vault by being one of eight competitors to clear 13'5.25" (4.10m) in the preliminary round. She

was one of just three pole vaulters who were successful in the first attempt for each of the opening heights. Kylie won the NCAA Indoor Championship in pole vaulting in March. The outdoor finals will take place at 8 p.m. tonight. Junior Erica Moore is currently in 22nd place in the heptathlon after four events with two of her strongest events (long jump and 800m run) scheduled this afternoon along with the javelin. She ran a season best 14.38 in the 100 meter hurdles, finished 5'4.25" (1.63m) in the high jump and achieved a distance of 34'7" (10.54m) in the shot put. In the final event on Thursday, she won her heat in the 200 meter race with a time of 25.17. The remaining heptathlon events are taking place this afternoon. ISU sophomore Major Clay missed on each of his attempts on the opening height of 6'8.75" (2.05m) in high jump and was unable to advance. This is his first trip to the NCAA Championship in his first season of competition for ISU. ISU junior Lauren Martin will compete in the preliminaries of the women's triple jump at 4 p.m. today. This is her second trip to the NCAA Outdoor Championships. She placed 23rd in the triple jump last year. Congratulations to these outstanding student athletes and their coaches and best of luck to those remaining in the competition.

- **STRATEGIC PLANNING** – Work on the strategic plan and the facilities and land use planning is progressing. Currently, representatives from STRATUS, the firm assisting with the strategic planning process, are working with the co-chairs of each task force to further develop initiatives related to the six goal areas. Updates will be posted on the Strategic Planning intranet (http://indstate.edu/strategic_plan/stratus/) as available. I encourage the entire campus community to provide input into the process. A draft plan is to be completed in September.
- **STAFF COUNCIL** – Since arriving at ISU last summer, I have heard what I understand are long-standing concerns regarding the lack of a formal governance structure for exempt staff. In an effort to provide representation for this group, I have asked Roxanne Torrence and the Executive Committee of the Support Staff Council to work with EAP representatives in the formation of a single Staff Council representing both non-exempt and exempt staff. This is not unique, as there are a number of similar governance models that exist at other institutions. It is my hope that a Staff Council, along with the Faculty Senate, will provide a forum for faculty and staff to have a voice in matters that affect all University employees. As progress is made throughout the summer, I will continue to provide updates.
- **SPECIAL OLYMPICS** – The Indiana Special Olympics recognized Indiana State during the Summer Games last weekend for the institution's role in founding the state chapter and for a 40-year relationship in hosting the Summer Games and other Special Olympics activities. Cheri and I really enjoyed participating in the festivities surrounding the Summer Games, especially the High Five line for the athletes. Thanks to everyone who helped put on this major event.
- **HOMECOMING** – One of my favorite events this past year was our Homecoming celebration. To continue to build this successful event, I have asked Chris Hancock, executive director of the ISU

Alumni Association; Nolan Davis, director of student activities and organizations; Rex Kendall, director of residential life; and Freda Luers, associate director of student activities and organizations, to lead a university-wide Homecoming Committee. They will work to engage alumni, students, faculty, staff and campus organizations in growing and enhancing our Homecoming programming efforts.

- NSF GRANT – Indiana State University has received a \$590,600 grant from the National Science Foundation for phase two of the Robert Noyce Scholars Program. The program provides scholarship support for students pursuing teaching careers in math and science who commit to working at least two years in a high needs urban school. Congratulations to Jay Gatrell, Elaina Tuttle, Elizabeth Brown, Rusty Gonser, Susan Powers, Mark Green and Dawn Underwood for their work in securing this funding and for helping to address this critical educational need.
- UNITED WAY – Indiana State University has received a C.A.R.E. Bronze Award from the United Way of the Wabash Valley for per capita giving of \$20 to \$49 per employee. I would like to thank everyone who supported the United Way campaign and again recognize Bruce and Connie McLaren and their committee for leading our campus United Way efforts.

During the summer months, I will be distributing this newsletter once a month, returning to the regular bi-weekly schedule when the new academic year begins. Have a great summer.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Bradley
President