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Dear colleagues,

Dr. Tom Ramey has informed me of his intent to step down as vice president for Student Affairs effective June 30 to accept a full-time appointment as a special purpose faculty member in the Department of Educational Leadership, Administration and Foundations within the Bayh College of Education.

I would like to thank Tom for his leadership as the vice president for student affairs during the past eight years. I would like to especially recognize the mentorship and guidance he provided to our student leaders as they worked to develop support for the new Student Recreation Center. The addition of this wonderful facility has immeasurably benefited our entire campus.

At the bottom of this message, I am sharing the full announcement regarding Tom's decision.

I will be meeting with the entire Division of Student Affairs next week and will also begin additional discussions with the Student Affairs leadership team on short-term and long-term possibilities regarding this area. It will likely be four to six weeks before a decision regarding the future direction of student affairs will be finalized.

Following an administrative leave, Tom will begin his teaching responsibilities in the College of Education in January 2011.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Bradley  
President

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#### ISU VICE PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES PLANS TO LEAVE ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Tom Ramey, vice president for student affairs at Indiana State University, has announced his intent to leave the administration for full-time teaching responsibilities, effective with the 2010-11 academic year.

"During my 30-plus years of service in higher education, the leaders I have admired most were those who, having achieved significant success in their administrative careers, turned their attention to developing the next generation of practitioners. I hope to do likewise," he said.

Ramey has served five different colleges and universities, including nearly eighteen years at the level of vice president. He will join the Department of Educational Leadership, Administration and Foundations, where he will teach graduate courses in student affairs and higher education.

“I have been teaching a graduate course each year as a special purpose faculty member in order to encourage closer working relationships between student affairs practitioners and the College of Education. I have enjoyed the classroom a great deal, as well as my interaction with academic colleagues. I see this as a natural transition. In a sense, it’s what I have always been working toward,” said Ramey.

Enrollment in the master’s degree program in student affairs and the Ph.D. program in higher education has grown steadily in recent years.

The master’s program is designated a “Program of Promise” at Indiana State, attracting students from across the country and internationally.

“Dr. Ramey’s breadth and depth of experiences have truly informed his teaching and strengthened our student affairs programming. The College is fortunate to have an affiliation with Dr. Ramey, and we look forward to our continued relationship,” said Dr. Brad Balch, dean of the Bayh College of Education.

Indiana State University President Dan Bradley expressed appreciation for Ramey’s leadership and noted his involvement in the development of the new Student Recreation Center.

“When our students decided they wanted better recreational facilities, Tom mentored them on how to develop an idea and garner support for it. Our students not only achieved their goal in seeing the Student Recreation Center come to fruition, they learned something that will benefit them throughout their lives,” said Bradley.

Ramey indicated that he has enjoyed leading the Division of Student Affairs.

“It’s been a very rewarding experience. The division encompasses a broad array of student services and auxiliary programs, and I’m proud of our diverse and talented staff. They’re top-notch professionals who pursue their responsibilities with great enthusiasm. There has never been a dull moment,” said Ramey.