

May 2, 2011

Dear colleagues,

Finals week is here, and a very productive academic year is coming to a close. I would like to thank all of you for your hard work this year, and I applaud the advances made on many fronts.

The Indiana General Assembly has also completed its work as the current session adjourned on Friday after approving a state budget for the 2011-2013 biennium. For Indiana State, the base operating appropriation for 2011-2012 was cut by 5.4% or \$3,885,766. For 2012-2013, it remains the same as FY12. There is no appropriation for repair and rehabilitation of facilities, and no capital projects were funded for ISU or any other institution.

As indicated earlier, I met with the vice presidents and representatives of each governance unit to come up with a reallocation plan in preparation for the development of our institution's 2012-2012 budget. Through that process, approximately \$1.3 million of internal reallocations were identified. Anticipated revenue from increased enrollments and a moderate increase in tuition should also help address the budget shortfall. In the coming weeks, I will continue to work with the vice presidents to develop the proposed budget that will go to the Board of Trustees in June.

Continuing to grow our enrollment is critical to helping the University's budget situation. Numbers for this fall look promising, but there is still work to do. Volunteers are needed for the Dial-a-Student campaign the Office of Admissions has planned for May 9 through 12. You can help reach out to potential students by volunteering one, two or all four nights. Hours are 5 to 8 p.m. Calls will be made in the Admissions Office's Call Center. Your help is needed to reach out to these students to register for New Student Orientation, complete their housing applications and make other plans for fall. You'll enjoy an evening (or four) of fun and help students make the right choice by confirming plans to attend Indiana State. Snacks and soft drinks will be provided for volunteer callers as well as prizes and gifts. To register, contact Nate Hamil, admissions counselor, at nate.hamill@indstate.edu or 237-8057.

Many of you will also be assisting with the summer orientation program which currently has reservations from more than 1200 incoming students, up more than 200 over this time last year. Faculty and staff are encouraged to help greet parents and incoming students during the check-in/mingling session with parents and students that kicks off the first day of each orientation program from 8 to 9 a.m. in the atrium of University Hall. A schedule is available at: <http://www.indstate.edu/orientation/freshman/>.

Other updates I would to share:

- The task force on Student Media, led by College of Arts and Sciences Dean John Murray, has completed its final report which is available at: www.indstate.edu/president/docs/studentmediareport.pdf. In meeting with the task force members last week, I accepted their recommendation to engage a consultant to help the university move its student media vehicles into a more coordinated effort that mirrors the media convergence model that is rapidly evolving in industry. It is expected that a consultant will be selected in time to begin work by the start of the fall semester. Campus input will be solicited throughout the process. In the meantime, responses to the task force report may be sent to me at president@indstate.edu.

- Congratulations to **Dean Nancy Merritt** and the **faculty and staff in the Scott College of Business** for maintaining the prestigious accreditation from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. The college is among 620 schools in 38 countries or less than five percent of the world's business schools to earn the designation. ISU's business programs have continuously received the re-accreditation since first earning the distinction in 1980.
- Biology **Professor John Whitaker**, known as the "Batman" to many, has received the Distinguished Scholar Award from the Indiana Academy of Science. Whitaker, who joined ISU's faculty in 1962, has spent nearly 50 years conducting research on mammals with particular emphasis on their ectoparasites and food habits.
- Three committees are at work reviewing the 31 Unbounded Possibilities concept papers. I wish to express my thanks to them for their time-intensive efforts at this very busy point in the academic year. The UP initiative is one that holds great promise for advancing institutional distinction, the focus of Goal Four of the Strategic Plan. This month, the UP Committee will be advancing recommendations to the Provost and me. Our hope is to have an announcement later in the month as to the outcome. The UP Committee has also been in conversation with the Office of Sponsored Programs and well as the ISU Foundation on how they might assist in the success of project ideas, including those that do not receive an invitation for a full proposal.
- **ISU Trustee Bob Baesler** and the success of his grocery store served as the inspiration for a new book by **Professor Todd Whitaker** called "The Ball." The book recently won a silver medal in the Business Fable category of the Axiom Business Book Award competition. Congratulations to both Todd and Bob.
- Several campus construction projects will take place during the coming months including the major renovation of the former federal building to create a new home for the Scott College of Business and final touches on Pickerl Hall which reopens this fall. Remodeling of the former family and consumer sciences building to create a new welcome center will get underway along with renovations to Gillum Hall, Science Building labs, Dreiser Theater, both technology buildings, Chestnut Street Plaza between 7th and 8th streets, HMSU, Student Services Building, and Fairbanks Hall. New roofs will be put on the Art Annex and the Fine Arts Building and an assessment of Hulman Center will be conducted. In addition, Fifth Street will be made into a two-way street through campus when approval is obtained from the city. A map of the projects is available at: www.indstate.edu/president/docs/2011summerconstructionprojects.pdf.
- The remodeling of the Student Services Building will close the student health clinic operated by UAP later this month until renovations have been completed. In the meantime, students may receive services from the UAP clinic located at Sixth and Walnut Streets. In addition to upgrading of this facility, it needs a new name. Your suggestions are needed, and a contest to rename the building is now underway. Primary functions that will be included in the building are the UAP clinic, the Student Counseling Center, and classrooms, laboratories and offices for the College of Nursing, Health and Human Services. Send your ideas to president@indstate.edu by June 15. The winning idea will receive a Barnes and Noble gift card.
- Indiana Special Olympics is seeking volunteers for the Summer Games which will take place on our campus June 3 through 5. Interested individuals should register through the Center for Community Engagement's website at <http://www.indstate.edu/publicservice/events/olympics.aspx>. ISU employees may use their Community Service leave hours on Friday, June 3.
- Congratulations to the ISU faculty members who have earned sabbaticals for the coming year. Those who will be on sabbatical for the 2011-2012 academic year are: Rusty Gonser, Rosetta Haynes, Diana Hews and Gary Stuart. Faculty members on sabbatical for fall semester are: George Bakken, Scott Buchanan, Brendan Corcoran, Timothy Demchak, Karen Evans, Eurico Ferreira, Hema Ganapathy-Coleman, Joseph Grcic, Kandace Hinton, Mark Lewandowski, Susan Moncada, David Nichols, Nancy Obermeyer, Robert Perrin and Betty Phillips. Spring 2012 sabbaticals have been approved for: Matthew Brennan, Denise Collins, Mark Hamm, Bhaskara Rao Kopparty, Jennifer Latimer, Richard Schneiroy, Mary Sterling, Mark

Stimley, Dale Varble, James Wurtz, Bassam Yousif and Keri Yousif. Barbara Skinner will be on sabbatical for the 2012 calendar year.

- I would also like to recognize the graduates of the most recent class of Leadership ISU: Robin Andrews, Laura David, Brent Denny, Michelle Fowler-Sands, Anita Gabbard, Rusty Gonser, Laura Kennedy, Brian Kilp, Martha Reed, George Stachokas, Joe Thomas, Lori Tingley, Richard Toomey, Roxanne Torrence and Rachell Wedding McClelland. I recently attended their closing luncheon and enjoyed hearing the participants' comments about the impact the program has had on them and their jobs. Applications for the 2011-2012 class are now open, and the form can be downloaded at <http://www.indstate.edu/lisu/docs/Application.pdf>. Having a mix of faculty, exempt and non-exempt staff is important to the dynamics of each class, and I would encourage all interested employees to apply.
- The staff of our Student Recreation Center recently accepted an Outstanding Facilities Award from the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association which recognizes creative and innovative designs of new or expanded facilities. The Rec Center Staff do a great job running this wonderful facility, and the programs and services they offer are helping to improve both the wellness of our students, faculty and staff and the retention of our students who take advantage of the center. Pictured in the photo below are: Hollie Adams, Kimberly Monte, Jessica Arnal, Jake Eubank, Erik Kocher from Hastings and Chivetta Architects, NIRSA President Michael Waldron and John Lentz. Congratulations!



- The ISU Staff Council's latest community service project was a big success. Responding to a need by the 14th and Chestnut Community Center for packaged snacks to take on their Friday field trips, the Council collected 4 cases of water, 29 boxes of juice drinks, 4 cases of potato chips, 15 boxes of crackers, 19 boxes of fruit snacks, 34 boxes of cookies, 8 boxes of granola bars, 37 packages of pudding cups and 27 boxes of fruit cups. They also received a \$50 donation which was given to the Center. Needless to say, the Center's staff was pleased with the result. Thanks to all who contributed.
- The Indiana State University Board of Trustees will be meeting on Friday, May 6. Among the agenda items the trustees will be considering are several changes to the ISU Handbook and new degree programs including a master of science in technology management, a civil engineering technology major, an engineering technology major, a master of science in occupational therapy, a master of social work, and a Ph.D. in health sciences. These programs are part of an effort to strategically develop programs that respond to market demands and help address state workforce needs. The trustees will also meet on June 17 primarily to approve the University's budget and set tuition for the coming academic year. The agenda for the May 6th meeting is updated as materials are provided and is available at: <http://www.indstate.edu/trustees/docs/Agenda.pdf>.

- You are receiving this letter at the beginning of the week due to some feedback my office has received. These updates will now be scheduled to go out every other Monday during the academic year (as much as that is possible) and one Monday a month during the summer.

This Saturday, many of our students will realize their educational goals when they receive their degrees during our Spring Commencement ceremony. I look forward to sharing this day of celebration with them and encourage your attendance and participation.

Have a great summer!

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Bradley
President