

May 31, 2011

Dear colleagues,

Earlier today, Indiana State conducted a public hearing on our proposed tuition and fees for 2011-12 and 2012-13. The hearing is designed to allow students, parents and the general public an opportunity to express their opinions about the proposed fees.

During opening remarks, Diann McKee outlined the loss of state funding that Indiana State has incurred during the past two fiscal years and the upcoming fiscal year. These reductions total more than \$9 million. Diann also detailed the budget reallocations ISU has made to offset the reductions in funding including the elimination of 152.3 full-time equivalent positions.

To maintain educational quality in light of these cuts in state appropriations, Indiana State is proposing a 3.5 percent increase in tuition and fees. By comparison, the other residential research universities are planning tuition hikes of 3.9 percent for Ball State, 4.5 percent for Purdue's main campus and 5.5 percent for Indiana University, Bloomington for the upcoming year. The dollar amount of these increases at these four institutions ranges from \$268 per year at Indiana State to \$496 at Indiana University for full-time students from Indiana.

The increased tuition and fees will be used for investments in strategic priorities, student financial assistance for those receiving institutionally provided aid, unavoidable cost increases such as health insurance, utilities and repair and rehabilitation of facilities.

I believe the University has established appropriate justification for this modest increase. Maintaining affordability remains a priority, and our tuition remains competitive. No one appeared at the hearing to contest the proposal. A copy of the presentation made at the hearing can be viewed at: www.indstate.edu/president/docs/tuitionhearing.pdf.

June is upon us and that means that new students and their families will be on campus throughout the month to attend the two-day orientation programs. As of Friday, 2,265 freshmen had registered for the program, up 99 students from the same date last year. The work to ensure that the enrollment goals established in the University's strategic plan are met continues, and I would like to thank everyone who helped with the recent Dial-A-Student calling campaign. I was able to participate last week and really enjoyed getting to talk with these students and/or their parents. The personal touch provided by our faculty and staff in a variety of ways does make a difference.

This year, the Office of New Student Transition Programs is working closely with Downtown Terre Haute Inc. to help integrate parents and families of incoming students into the Terre Haute community. In addition to obtaining reduced rates at the Hilton Garden Inn and Candlewood Suites and discounted admission to the Terre Haute Children's Museum, the office has partnered with Clabber Girl to provide a unique experience for parents and guests. Clabber Girl will introduce our guests to all aspects of their operation including their Classroom Kitchen with live cooking demonstrations, Bake Shop, gourmet food retail, museum tours, coffee roasting and dinner. We would like to utilize these evenings as another opportunity to help the parents of our new students become connected to ISU by having faculty and staff members present at each dinner. The dinners will take place June 7 and 8, June 14 through 16 and

June 27 through July 1 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. To ensure faculty and staff participation, funding will be provided to cover the cost of dinner for a limited number of faculty and staff each night. If you are interested, please contact Joe Thomas at Joe.Thomas@indstate.edu and let him know which night you will attend.

Cheri and I recently returned from participating in the President's Scholars trip to Utah. Greg Bierly planned an incredible experience for these top students. After visiting Temple Square in Salt Lake City, the group traveled to Arches National Park, Bryce Canyon and Zion Canyon. The geological expertise of Sandra Brake was very helpful as the group hiked through these incredible places. It was a fun and informative trip, and I was once again impressed with the many talents of our President's Scholars.

Other updates I would like to provide:

- The review process for the Unbounded Possibilities initiative is now complete, and an announcement on the selected programs will be made later this week. A variety of proposals were reviewed, and several have the potential to help address goal four of the strategic plan (strengthen and leverage programs of distinction and promise) as well as contribute to other goals such as diversifying revenue.
- The recent storms caused a great deal of damage throughout the Wabash Valley. The use of Community Service leave has been approved for those employees who would like to assist with major storm clean-up operations. Employees requesting community service leave for storm-related cleanup must obtain approval of their supervisors who will determine if the request is reasonable. The use of this leave should be limited to major clean-up to homes, businesses, churches and other facilities that sustained substantial property damage. If you have questions, please contact the Center for Community Engagement at 237-8384 or beth.loudermilk@indstate.edu. Leave requests should be submitted via the web at: <http://www.indstate.edu/publicservice/faculty/leave/default.aspx>.
- I was pleased to learn that ISU was able to assist Duke Energy in housing emergency workers who were brought in from other locations to restore power. The Indianapolis 500 always helps our hotel industry during the Memorial Day weekend, and Duke was having difficulty finding enough places for the workers to stay. ISU housed 229 members of the emergency response crews on Friday night and 117 on Saturday. I know that our friends at Duke (and everyone whose power was restored over the weekend) were very appreciative. Thanks to Rex Kendall, Stephanie Percy and all those in Residential Life who scrambled to make this possible.
- Congratulations to Arthur Feinsod for being selected as the 2011 Honors Faculty Member of the Year. The University Honors Program annually collects nominations from current Honors students to recognize excellent faculty members who have taught a General Honors or Departmental Honors course during the current academic year. Arthur teaches GH201: Introduction to the Great Works. Nominators noted his passion for the material and his ability to help students expand their thoughts and beliefs to build a greater understanding of the beliefs of others.

- The deadline to submit your ideas for the renaming of the Student Services Building is June 15. Primary functions that will be included in the remodeled facility are the UAP Clinic, the Student Counseling Center and various classrooms, laboratories and offices for the College of Nursing, Health and Human Services. Send your ideas to president@indstate.edu. The winner will receive a Barnes and Noble gift card.
- I am launching a second contest to gather information related to the top goal of our strategic plan – improving enrollment and student success. I would like to hear your perceptions of the various roadblocks that interfere with students enrolling at ISU and staying until they graduate. It is important that we continue to review our operations and find ways to streamline bureaucratic processes wherever possible. The deadline for this contest is June 30. Responses may be sent to president@indstate.edu. There will be cash prizes for the top three ideas.
- The Bayh College of Education was one of three colleges recently selected through a competitive process by the Academy for Educational Development to host the Teachers for a New Era Learning Network Clinical Practice Cross-Site visit. A 10-member team from Western Oregon University, University of North Carolina-Greensboro and Western Kentucky University were on campus last week to study how Indiana State has incorporated clinical experiences into its educator preparation programs. Accolades to Brad Balch, Susan Powers and all those who have built this program into one which garners national attention.
- The Indiana State men’s track and field team earned the triple crown in conference titles earlier this month by winning the Missouri Valley Conference Outdoor Track and Field Championship by a single point over the Southern Illinois Salukis. The team made a dramatic comeback to earn the championship and add it to the Cross Country and Indoor Track and Field MVC Championships won earlier this academic year. John McNichols received his eighth MVC Outdoor Track and Field Coach of the Year Award, the 16th time he has earned top coaching honors. The ISU women’s team took fourth. Congratulations also goes to the ISU Women’s Cross Country team for earning an Academic Progress Rate Public Recognition Award from the NCAA for being in the top 10 percent of all teams for academic achievement.
- I would also like to recognize Qihao Weng, professor of geography, for receiving the Outstanding Contributions Award during the American Association of Geographers annual conference in Seattle. The award recognizes outstanding contributions made in the field of remote sensing through education, research and outreach.

Have a great summer!

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Bradley
President