

Take Five

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This Week in Academic Affairs



As new HLC peer reviewers, Scott Jones and I recently were immersed in all things accreditation when we attended a multi-day training session outside Chicago. IU Kokomo will be up for accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission during the 2018-2109 academic year. We have a team (Kathy Parkison, Julie Saam, Scott Jones, and Sarah Sarber) in place, and the team and I will be in touch with you with updates and requests. Stay tuned! ● We have a new, attractive web presence for the KEY (<http://www.iuk.edu/key/>). I invite you to check it out, share photos from your units' KEY activities, and refer students and prospective students to it.

Student Success Corner

Several new students have told me about experiences emailing instructors or staff with needs or questions and not seeing a reply for two or even more days. By the time the reply came, they said, it was too late to take the appropriate action (for example, completing an assignment or form correctly). This may be procrastination on the students' parts, but often procrastination has a context. There's no pat answer as to how to strike the perfect balance between accountability and empathy for students, but clarifying to students where we stand on such things might help them learn a better approach for the future.

-Christina Downey (downeyca@iuk.edu)

To help educate new students about the immunization requirements, Advising has set up a help table in the cafeteria. This week, the table will be staffed from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. October 24 and 25. We also are helping students prepare for early enrollment by helping them add classes to iGPS and advertising drop-in advising times for various majors. Please encourage students to stop by to ask for help.

-Cheryl Schlemmer (caschlem@iuk.edu)



Former Disney artist Philo Barnhart, who worked on *The Little Mermaid* and other films, met with students and gave demonstrations this month.

The Next Two Weeks at IU Kokomo

10/25: International Studies Luncheon (11:30 a.m., KC 130B)

10/25: Elizabeth Acevado - Spoken Word (2:30 p.m., KC 130)

10/25: Volleyball Match (7 p.m., Cougar Gym)

10/27: Movie Night (5:30 p.m., Kresge Auditorium)

10/28: Halloween Open House (6 p.m., Alumni Hall and KC Commons)

10/31: Comedy in the Commons (5:30 p.m., KC Commons)

10/31: Presentation on Regional Grand Challenges (2 p.m., KC 130AC)

11/2: Career Development Series - Building on Experiences (11:30 a.m., Cole Room)

11/2: Campus Campaign Kickoff (11:30 a.m., Alumni Hall)

11/2: Kingston's Coffeehouse (5:30-8:30 p.m., Alumni Hall)

11/4: Regional Grand Challenges Faculty Networking (10 a.m.-2 p.m., KC 130)

11/4: *You Can't Take It with You* (7:30 p.m., Havens Auditorium)

11/5: Volleyball Matches (10 a.m. & 4 p.m., Cougar Gym)

11/5: *You Can't Take It with You* (7:30 p.m., Havens Auditorium)

Kudos for Kokomojo

- Patrick Motl recently conducted a lunar observation for the community on International Observe the Moon Night.
- Thanks, Emily Hake, for creating an attractive KEY webpage.