Don't be afraid to work hard. This world was not made by loafers. Furthermore, there is no satisfaction as equal to the realization that you have done a task well...

-Herman B Wells 1939
In Memory of Chris Essex
February 19, 1965-April 17, 2007

We’ll remember you at the end of the trail,
The are some people that you don’t forget,
Even though you’ve only seen them one time or two
When the roses fade and we’re in the shade,
We’ll remember you
In the end, my dear sweet friend, we’ll remember you ~

Bob Dylan: *I’ll Remember You*
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Mission Statement

The School of Education Staff Council represents and advocates for all staff and promotes community and communication among all constituencies within the School of Education.
As elected President of the Indiana University School of Education Staff Council for the 2006–2007 year, my plan was to excite people with change. This year we started off by initiating a staff assessment survey to assist in the planning process of our activities; we plan to use the results frequently to evaluate our staff needs in order to serve them better. I was looking forward to working on improving what we have done in past years. I envisioned Staff Council branching out in areas of community outreach, staff development, and staff outreach. I also wanted to focus on the needs of staff and provide more opportunities to express appreciation for them.

Our annual Holiday Auction was one of our most successful events of 2007. With the incredible amount of staff and faculty participation, we were able to raise $2700 for local charities. We even held a silent auction online.

I applaud the Staff Council Executive Committee, Chairs, and volunteers for their tireless efforts to promote all of the Staff Council activities. As a volunteer, it is not always easy and can be more challenging than one might normally expect it to be. Because of all the hard work and dedication of the volunteers, Staff Council has had yet another successful year.

Staff Council is committed to stimulating and maintaining a spirit of unity among the School of Education family as colleagues, coworkers, and members of the local community. In addition, we will continue to focus on enhancing professionalism of all staff members by increasing access to information, participation, communication, and recognition.

Patty Mitchell
Staff Council President
Help Desk

Chair: Beth Selke

Help Desk Volunteers: Jane Benjamin, Alfreda Clegg, Sarah Flynn, Lynn Greenfield, Mary Hardesty, Mary King, Nita Levison, Jeane Novotny, Sharon O’Bryan (retired staff member), Martha Zuppann & Denise Wyatt

The Help Desk was operated by the Staff Council and took place the first two days of classes for both the Fall and Spring semesters. The purpose was to help new and returning students with their questions and concerns about everything from scheduling and room numbers, to bus information and faculty offices. The Help Desk committee was responsible for reserving atrium tables, a computer, and a mouse, along with scheduling volunteers for two-hour time slots from 8:00am to 4:00pm.

Staff Development

Chair: Jeane Novotny

Staff Development Volunteers: Julie Fry, Lynn Greenfield, Jason Gresalfi, Beth Selke, & Dorothy Slota

This committee met several times during the fall and spring semester. They discussed and organized how grant applications would be advertised and reviewed. Several staff members received grants to cover conference, workshops and material-related expenses.
United Way Campaign

Chair: Deb Lane

United Way Volunteers: Cindy Wedemeyer, Sandy Strain, Nancy Pell, Linda Brinegar, Bobbie Partenheimer, Sara Gibson, Amanda Farris & Julie Fry

The School of Education United Way Campaign was coordinated by the Staff Council Event Committee. The overall community campaign was able to raise 100.1% of its goal, due in large part to the Indiana University’s involvement. The 50th anniversary campaign raised $650,658.76.
Founded in 1993, the Partners in Education (PIE) program was established to create a relationship between the School of Education staff and “at risk” middle school students in the local Bloomington community. The main goal for the PIE program is to introduce these students to college and encourage them to view it as a future option in their lives. This year, fifteen 8th graders from Tri-North Middle School participated in the PIE program. One of the ways students become familiar with college is by taking various visits to Indiana University. In February 2007, the PIE program took students to visit the Indiana University School of Music and Read Dorm. In March 2007, the students participated in the sixth activity of the year by taking a trip to visit the Indiana University football stadium and basketball arena. Football players from Indiana University talked with the students, ate lunch in Foster Quad, and were introduced to multiple programs in the Physical Education field and the Athletic Department.
The Annual Staff Retreat was held at the Brown County Seasons Lodge. It was a great success. Speakers for the day were Marty Deckard from the Bloomington Police Department, Deb Dunbar from IU Human Resources and Dr. Pete Kloosterman, Executive Associate Dean for the School of Education.
Community Outreach

Blood Drive
Volunteers: Shelly K. Gerber & Patty Mitchell

Staff Council, in partnership with the American Red Cross, hosted a blood drive at the School of Education on September 21, 2006, and February 22, 2007. The blood donation benefited those in need around the Bloomington area and beyond. Students, faculty and staff, along with the Bloomington community and individuals in the surrounding area made the drive a huge success.

Bowl For Kids’ Sake
Volunteers: Julie Fry, Deb Lane, Patty Mitchell & Michelle Talbot

In 2007, Staff Council joined the Bowl For Kids’ Sake Campaign in order to raise money to support mentoring relationships between adult role models and local children (between the ages of 6 and 17). Over $160,000 was pledged by teams in the community.

Chocolate Fest
Volunteers: Patty Mitchell & Martha Zuppann

On February 3, 2007, Staff Council volunteered during the week of chocolate at the 2007 Chocolate Fest at the Bloomington Convention Center. All proceeds raised benefitted Options for Better Living (Options). Options partners with people with disabilities and their communities to bring about self-directed, fulfilled lives.
**Community Outreach**

**Hoosier Hills Food Drive**

Volunteer: Shelly K. Gerber

Staff Council organized the Hoosier Hills Food Drive for the SoE Community. The SoE community collected 319 pounds of food and over $100 in monetary donations.

**Homeward Bound Walk**

On April 2, 2007, Staff Council and several staff and faculty members participated in a walk for the homeless in Homeward Bound. The School of Education raised almost $1500 for the homeless by participating in
The 2007 catalog features items showcasing the new IU logo. This year we featured new short sleeve knit fashions. We also sold unisex jersey pants to use for relaxing at home. The proceeds from the sale of these items helped fund some of the Staff Council’s activities such as:

- Partners in Education (PIE)
- Professional Development Grants
- Staff Retreat
- Community Outreach
On December 6, 2006, the Holiday Luncheon was held in the School of Education Atrium. In attendance were 83 employees including faculty, support and professional staff, and the Partner in Education (PIE) team and middle school PIE kids. Staff Council was able to support this at a low cost to the employees, and the Indiana Memorial Union catered the event. We also invited the Partner in Education Team, and PIE kids were able to attend free of charge.
On November 30, 2006, the Annual Holiday Charity for the Staff Council was held. This year, $2700 was raised for local charities. Many faculty and staff members attended. A silent auction was held online and auctioned off were an IU basketball, IU soccer ball, and a football signed by Rex Grossman. All of the proceeds went to Martha’s House, Backstreet Mission, and Hannah’s House. The photo below shows a check of $900 that was raised during the auction being presented to Backstreet Mission.

Catherine Overbey, Sandy Strain and Linda Kelley—President of Backstreet Missions, Inc.
Elections 2007-2008

Chair: Dawn Adams

Election Committee volunteers: Alfreda Clegg, Beth Selke & Julie Fry

2007–2008

Election Results

Executive Committee
President: Patty Mitchell
Vice President: Deb Lane
Treasurer: Larry Campbell
Secretary: Bobbie Partenheimer

New members Support Staff
Jessica Durnal
Catherine Overbey

Support Staff members who have one year left of their 2-year term and therefore are continuing on the Staff Council: Dawn Adams, Amanda Farris, Sara Gibson, Letha Taylor, and Patty Mitchell

New alternate members Support Staff
Shireen Amin
Nancy Boatner
Julie Fry
Sara Sturgeon
Michelle Talbot

New member Professional Staff
Larry Campbell
Chuck Carney
Exempt members who have one year left of their 2-year term and therefore are continuing on the Staff Council: Deb Lane, Jeane Novotny, Bobbie Partenheimer and Martha Zuppann

New alternate members Professional Staff
Ghangis Carter
Leigh Kupersmith
Bill Lundy
Katy Pastel
The committee was formed in July as an ad-hoc committee in order to review the Staff Council/Staff Organization constitution. Regular meetings were set up in January and are still continuing.
On March 14, 2007, the Staff Council honored all of its highly valued and appreciated volunteers. The volunteers were gracious enough to freely and unconditionally donate their personal time and skills for the betterment of the SoE community. Their numerous efforts have made a positive difference and has demonstrated that by working as a team within an organization, you can make an essential contribution to the Staff Council’s continued success.

Staff Outreach this year was responsible for welcoming numerous new staff to the School of Education community. Amanda Farris led the committee and collaborated with Amy Sutley to obtain a list of all new employees. She then organized location, time, and numerous volunteers for the lunch. In addition, Amanda Farris and Letha Taylor kicked off the Staff Council Brown Bag Series with two popular topics:

- October 17— Adjusting with Aging Loved Ones
- January 18—Workstation Ergonomics
In fall 2006, there were 22,247 visits to our web page. From January 1 to March 1, 2007 there were 8,135 visits to our web page for a total of 30,382 visits this year. Our top five accessed web pages were: Home Page, Annual Report, Partners in Education (PIE), Members, and the Photo Gallery. Another new addition to our webpage is Staff Council meetings online, allowing those with time or place commitments to view sessions online.

**Top 5 Web Pages**
- Home Page
- Annual Report
- Partners in Education
- Members
- Photo Gallery

**Number of Website Visitors**
- Fall: 22,247
- Spring: (Jan and Feb): 8,135
- Fall and Spring: 30,382

A new addition to Staff Council this year was online access to our meetings. We wanted to make sure those that were unable to attend our monthly meetings, were able to get involved with ease. This was done by simply using a Staff Council School of Education user name and password. This enable people to access both live and archived Staff Council meetings.
Thank you to all the Staff Council Chairs for contributing to the Annual Report. Special thank you to Tianna Coleman, Michelle Talbot, Libby Tilghman, Deb Lane and Maryellen McClain.