

INDIANA UNIVERSITY KOKOMO

Advisory Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 24, 2006
Kelley Center 130 B
Open Session 4:00-5:30pm

Present: Jim Alender, Don Beaton, Steve Healy, Vicki Byrd, Dan Goddard, Dan Hogan, Randy Martin, Merton Stanley, Amber Stearns, Mike Stegall, Sue Talbot, Vicki Byrd, Daniel Goddard, Randy Martin, Tom McKinney, Dwight Singer, Gary Tyler, Robin Walker, Tom McKaig

Absent: Bill Yost, Don Almquist, Jill Dunn, Gene McGarvey, Pat McNarny, Tom Ransom, Bob Stifle, Shirley Walter, Kevin Clancey, Walter Brown, Chuck Bucheri, Jerry Butler, John Hingst, James Holtson

Staff: Stuart Green, Cathy Hightower, Ruth Person, Jack Tharp, Paul Nowak

Remarks from the Chair

Jim Alender asked for approval of the October 17, 2005 minutes as written. Motion was made to approve; approval was seconded. Motion carried.

Trustee Sue Talbot could not be present but was connected by phone. She informed the Board that IU is currently going through some administrative restructuring. If Board members have questions please direct them to Chancellor Person.

Chancellor's Remarks

IU Kokomo's spring semester got off to a good start with no major issues reported. The Chancellor reminded the Board to make sure they use their parking passes while on campus.

We are continuing our 60th Anniversary festivities; attendance has been very good. A handout of future gallery exhibits and other "Save the Date" items was distributed to the Board.

We currently have 20 searches in process for new faculty and staff. Thus we will be seeing some new faces in the fall!

We completed our semi-annual spring convocation last Friday. Our focus was on service and engagement to answer the question, "How is the campus engaged in the region?" Vice Chancellor Stuart Green will compile a report on the many different things we are doing as individuals and as a group in the community. (See attached for some examples)

Vice Chancellor Jack Tharp gave a spring semester enrollment update. A handout was provided to the Board. We are down 28 students from a year ago but up in credit hours. We see an increase in full time students and are drawing in younger students. Most of the IU campuses are down three to four percent.

Chancellor Person reminded the Board about the program Continuing Studies has started called *Project Complete*, which is a program to contact former students who have IU college credit but have not completed a degree. There are around 8,000 former students that live in our 11 county region that fall into this category.

We are continuing work on our Strategic Plan. We are in the process of developing benchmarks, and looking for peer institutions.

Stuart Green mentioned the need to recruit students who will have a better chance with a baccalaureate experience. We have already phased out our Project Success program. We plan to raise our admission standards by 2011; all students will have to have a Core 40 high school diploma because expectations are higher for baccalaureate degree. We want to offer younger students more amenities as part of the collegiate experience. Cost pressures on residential institutions make our campus a good option for getting young people to go to school close to home. Daniel Goodard suggested that we look at all the factors we may find numerous points of interest to come here as a freshman. Tom McKaig mentioned Miami County is having its Student Annual Leadership summit at IU Kokomo on March 17, 2006. This can be used as a way to recruit students.

Dr. Shirley Aamidor, Assistant Professor of Elementary Education made a presentation to the Board about our CAPE grant. This project will create a center for Early Childhood Education that will develop young children for kindergarten readiness.

Vice Chancellor Paul Nowak made a presentation to the Board about the Office of External Relations and shared with the Board the new mission and vision statement they have developed.

He showed the Board a map outlining IU Kokomo graduates living in the state of Indiana. There are currently 8,000 IU Kokomo alumni. Eighty two percent reside in the state of Indiana. Seventy-six percent are female and twenty-four percent are male.

Paul updated the Board on the outcome of the “Bridges” focus group. The “Bridges” newsletter was initially designed as an internal employee newsletter, but now has both an internal and external audience. “Bridges” is issued ten times a year. “The Messenger” is issued two times a year. Merging both magazines is under discussion.

Stuart Green spoke about new degrees that will soon be offered at IU Kokomo, including the BS Degree in Early Childhood Education, and a Masters in Public Management. SPEA will bring this degree to the faculty and trustees in October, 2006. Our degree in Professional Communications is now called New Media and Information.

There were no committee reports

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm