

IU Kokomo Advisory Board Meeting Minutes February 23, 2009

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INDIANA UNIVERSITY KOKOMO

Advisory Board Meeting Minutes of Narration

Wednesday, February 23, 2009

Kelley Center 130 AC

Open Session 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Present: Jim Alender, Don Beaton, Chuck Bucheri, Jerry Butler, Vicki Byrd, Jim Holtson, Mike Miles, Randy Martin, Tom McKaig, Tom McKinney

Absent: Merton Stanley, Kevin Clancey, Dwight Singer, Gene McGarvey, Mick Ortman, Shirley Walter, Jim Briscoe, Walter Brown, Don Almquist, Bill Stifle, Jill Dunn, Pat McNarny, John Hingst, Sue Talbot, Mike Stegall, Gary Tyler, Tom Ransom

Staff: Stuart Green, Paul Nowak, Jack Tharp, Tim Sehr, Steven Sarratore, Elizabeth Van Gordon, Robert Dibie, Karla Stouse

Remarks from the Chair

Jim Alender asked for approval of the September 24th minutes as written. Motion was made to approve; approval was seconded. Motion carried.

Trustee Remarks

Trustee Talbot sent her apologies for not being here today. She sent remarks for Interim Chancellor Green to read to the Board. She mentioned the 18th annual State House visit was last week and IU Kokomo had a very impressive group of students, administration, and alumni representing the campus. The facility request on the IU agenda this biennium for the Health and Wellness Facility is a long time goal for this campus. Hopefully, that dream may be realized.

She also mentioned that the trustees had met on the New Albany campus. One of the important agenda items at that meeting was the IU Master Plan. While this plan focuses on the IUB and IUPUI campuses, every campus must recognize that this long

term plan directly impacts the reputation of each of our campus homes. Each campus has a “master plan” that continues to be emphasized as new buildings, land acquisitions and landscaping plans continue to develop. Other items of business considered by the trustees included: academic programs and continued discussion about general education; financial cost, containment goals in face of these difficult economic times; research compliance office reorganization and a government relations report from the federal and state representatives.

The federal economic stimulus package appears to hold some promise for all of our campuses. IU Kokomo and other regional campus units can be considered 2nd tier institutions which may have a special line category for funding in the present iteration of the Bill before Congress. We have competent representatives in Indianapolis and in Washington who will continue to monitor these proceedings.

And, finally she commented on the IU Kokomo self-study report. The Board is copied with many such reports in their role as board members. However, the content of this report is exemplary and matches the assignment and the intent of this study. The entire campus, faculty, staff, students and alumni should be proud of this document. She looks forward to the interaction with the HLC in the next two months.

Chancellors Remarks

Interim Chancellor Green informed the Board that he will have to leave the meeting a little early.

Interim IC Green said we need to be proactive regarding the stimulus package to help the campus. He also mentioned that if the campus is able to secure stimulus funds that the campus main building may have renovations done to make it a green LEED certified building.

IC Green reminded the Board about the HLC accreditation luncheon will be April 6th in the Gallery at noon. This will be an opportunity for Board members to speak with the accreditation team.

Interim Chancellor Green introduced Elizabeth Van Gordon as the new campus CIO effective March 1, 2009. Beth will assume her duties as CIO and as a member of the Chancellor’s Cabinet and Administrative Council. He also announced the appointment of Sue Sciame-Giesecke as the Interim Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs effective July 1, 2009 and confirmed Tim Sehr as the permanent CFO position and said he has done an outstanding job as interim. He believes because of ongoing initiatives Tim and Sue will be key in creating a bridge for our new Chancellor. He also added the search for the campus Chancellor will begin early next year.

IC Green also introduced the campus new Director for Communications and Marketing Katrina Janes. Katrina holds a MBA and Masters degree and came to IU Kokomo from the corporate sector. We are pleased to have her on campus.

Sue Sciame- Giesecke reviewed with the Board the Self-Study Report Executive Summary which was created for the HLC. The executive summary provides the complete text of the IU Kokomo mission statement, the vision statement, and the statement of commitments. It also focuses on each of the five criteria for accreditation providing the conclusions reached and recommendations for future actions. Randy Martin mentioned during the review of Criterion Three that he has heard from a few students about having difficulty understanding some of the foreign Instructors. Sue said this issue is normally addressed in the faculty development program.

Chair Jim Alender asked if we have seen growth in non-traditional students. Are students choosing to stay closer to home and attend school? And are we seeing increase in admission of displaced workers. Randy Martin said the criteria for the TAA program require a two-year program and there is a cost factor so many students are choosing to attend Ivy Tech. Sue said that we are working to partner with Ivy Tech and that recently they were invited to attend a meeting with their advisors. Jerry Butler asked if we are working one-on-one with these transfer students. VC Tharp said we set aside funds for Ivy Tech transfer students.

We also have twelve mandated articulation agreements with Ivy Tech. Mile Miles asked about over seas study and Sue told the group that we do have classes that offer this opportunity.

VC Tharp gave the Board an update on the Health Education and Wellness Center. He said once we get approval for funding we will move forward.

Dr. Robert Dible Dean and Professor of Public Affairs did an overview of the School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA). He did a PowerPoint presentation outlining the schools mission, administration, faculty, degrees and certificate programs offered and their enrollment figures, research and publications, community outreach, international activities, course requirements and future bachelor degree programs.

VC Sehr did a budget update stating that our budget consists of half from state appropriations and the other half from student fees. There are anticipated reductions in appropriations, the governor's proposed budget and the ICHE recommendations. Governor Daniels has made his recommendation for a 4.5% cut in operating appropriations. It will continue to be uncertain until late April as to what the budget will look like. The campus will begin the budget process in the next few weeks and fee increases are still uncertain. With the economic issues the campus is facing it may not make sense to fund certain positions. It was decided by Cabinet that certain staff and faculty searches will be suspended pending necessary approval.

The Chair Jim Alender gave the Board a draft of the purpose, procedure and guidelines for the role of the Advisory Board. He asked that Board members to review the document and send VC Nowak or him any feedback and there will be further discussion about this at the next meeting.

Committee Reports

VC Tharp provided an enrollment update and mentioned our enrollment is down this spring but pointed out last spring the ASN program had 112 students which counted for 1300 credit hours but the bachelor program is up 82 students for this spring.

Karla Stouse Senior Lecturer shared with the Board the Video of the Peace Garden project which was designed by her and a class of IU Kokomo students from an Asian culture class taught in Hawaii. The project is to honor the concept of peace and World War II heroes – Pearl Harbor survivors, interment victims and the men of the 100th Infantry Battalion.