

Committee on Teacher Education
at
Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis

The Committee on Teacher Education (COTE) at IUPUI includes representatives from the School of Education and the Schools of Liberal Arts, Science, and Physical Education and Tourism Management, as well as Herron School of Art and University College. IUPUI Columbus is also represented, as are K-12 public school personnel in the Indianapolis area. The purpose of COTE is to enhance dialogue among those who prepare future teachers. Five regular meetings and a community-wide symposium were held during the 2005-06 academic year. Topics receiving extended consideration at the regular meetings in 2005-06 included the following:

1. The transition of the Indiana Professional Standards Board to the Division of Professional Standards in the Indiana Department of Education and the transition of Licensing Rules 46-47 to Rules 2002 and the potential impact of these changes on practicing teachers.
2. Progress of students and graduates who have taken advantage of the Transition to Teaching program. A new National Science Foundation grant will provide stipends for some IUPUI T2T students beginning in Fall 2007.
3. Increasing the numbers of science and math teachers educated at IUPUI. Commitment to Excellence funds are being sought for a joint SOE-SOS center focused on this issue.
4. The SOE Unit Assessment System.
5. Coaching for Indianapolis Public School teachers in small schools that is being provided by SOE faculty.
6. Initiatives designed to recruit more IUPUI students to majors in teacher education

In March, COTE, the SOE, and Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS) co-sponsored a reception in the IPS Boardroom and an address by Nancy Hoffman, Vice President, Youth Transitions, with Jobs for the Future in Boston. Hoffman described successful early college high school initiatives in other states and responded to questions about the possibility of undertaking such programs in Indiana. COTE members were joined at this event by additional IUPUI colleagues, public school teachers and administrators, representatives of other colleges and universities in central Indiana, staff from the Indiana Commission for Higher Education and Governor Daniels' Education Advisor, David Shane.