

University Reorganization Questions

The following questions were collected by campus faculty council presidents to help facilitate a university-wide discussion of the Board's actions of January 14, 2006. Please send additional questions and comments to ufcoff@indiana.edu.

Broad/Structural Questions

1. What is the structural future of Indiana University? [IUB]
2. Is an IU Health Sciences Center possible and sensible? [IUB]
3. Do the developments surrounding the reorganization of the University and of the changes in the administrative structure of the University mean we're moving more toward a "University of Wisconsin" system, with a "system" board and president, but with essentially autonomous campuses and limited transferability between campuses? [IUN]
4. Since an emphasis has been suggested on professional training, will this push the regional campuses toward IVY Tech status as "junior colleges"? [IUN]
5. With the shift in policy of the flagship being the research center, how will this effect the "one university" as envisioned and promoted by Myles Brand? [IUS]
6. Furthermore, will this spin off the regional campuses into self governing step child; that will exist between a small college and a community college? [IUS]
7. Will there be more autonomy on the regional campuses under a system structure? [IUSB, IUS]
8. The primary concern that the smaller campuses expressed last year was the infrequency with which the president visited the campuses. How does making the President the CEO of the Bloomington campus address that issue? Will he/she be more likely to spend time on the smaller campuses after this restructuring? [IUS]
9. When a person is hired with two sets of responsibility, one to a campus and one to a system how can we make that person responsible to the entire system? [IUS]
10. How will the new structure facilitate the continued development of the regional campuses in keeping with the mission and dissections outlined in the mission differentiation project? [IUS]
11. What functions must be handled locally (by university administrators) and what functions can be handled best centrally (by system administrators)? [IUB]

12. What will the relationship be between system and institutional administrators? [IUB]
13. If we are to be a university system then the regional campuses should not be ignored and the restructuring should assign specific responsibility for the coordination and cooperation among all IU campuses. [IUK]

Academic Leadership/Research/Graduate Education Questions

1. Is there any sense that the chancellor of Indianapolis has an expertise or interest in being responsible for the regional campuses, as has been put forward in the reorganization plan? Would this plan in effect make the Indianapolis campus the leader of the regionals? [IUN, IUS]
2. We were unable to fill the position of IUB Chancellor and Vice-President of Academic Affairs. We have now created a position of IUPUI Chancellor and Vice-president of academic affairs. Will this make the hiring of future IUPUI Chancellors more difficult? [IUS]
3. The regional campuses had a representative on the search committee for the IUB Chancellor and Vice-President of Academic Affairs because that person evaluated tenure dossiers of regional faculty. Will there be a regional campus faculty member on future Search committees for the IUPUI Chancellor? [IUS]
4. Does McRobbie have control over the Intercampus Research Fund, and will this reorganization and/or McRobbie have any influence on the outcome of the review of said funds? Will this process slow down or affect the current assessment of this fund? [IUN]
5. If there will be only one research campus does that mean that the faculty on the other campuses will no longer receive research releases? In a related question will research no longer be part of the expectations of faculty on those campuses? [IUS]
6. Whether or to what degree will graduate degree programs remain in the portfolio of the IUB Provost, if all (other) academic affairs of other campuses are moving to the portfolio of the EVP in Indy. (Our campus aspires to add selected graduate degree programs, but has had several such program proposals denied in the past. Our perception is that the denials were because IUB departments or core campus schools, e.g., library sciences, would not tolerate such “competition.”) [IUSB]
7. Professors from the smaller campuses now apply and are granted membership in the university graduate school. Would this be changed? [IUN]
8. What are the implications of a new structure on the system and core schools? [IUK, IUB]
9. Where do responsibilities lie for academic leadership for graduate programs? For undergraduate programs? [IUB]

10. What is the rationale for awarding the same “Indiana University” degree? [IUB]

Business Functions/Finances Questions

1. Since this plan makes the gap between Bloomington and the regionals greater, would this cut down the possibilities for resources now available to the smaller campuses? [IUN]
2. How will a new university structure, coupled with a review of RCM, impact the regional campus departments to retain unit control over budgeting and tuition revenue? [IUK]
3. It is apparent that the restructuring raises the Bloomington campus to a status above the other campuses. Will there be changes in resource allocation as a result? Will the smaller campuses be expected to pay a larger share of the administrative burden and receive a lower share of the resources? [IUS]
4. Is it possible within our budget system for individual campuses to determine how much money will be allocated for centrally-administered services consumed on a particular campus? [IUB]