

BUDGETARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

March 2006

The Budgetary Affairs committee was invited to attend the Cabinet Budget Hearings (March 23) by Chancellor Person and to attend the Academic Affairs Budget hearings (February 23 and March 2) by Vice Chancellor Green. This report tries to summarize and highlight points brought out in the hearings for the 2006-2007 Budget. Budget Hearing requests are informational. Actual funding comes later.

Summary

IUK operates on a budget of approximately \$23 million. The vast majority of this budget is for salaries. There should be a two percent increase in salaries within the 2006-2007 Budget. Salary savings which is caused from retirements and attrition of employees amounts to about two percent of the Kokomo budget. These monies can be used on a planned use of the Fund Budget. Other monies are available through CTE funds. There is a special repairs and rehabilitation fund of \$340,000 which will be used to replace the roof in the East Building and for asbestos removal on the second floor of the Main Building. There is an anticipated \$260,000 increase for utilities over the 05-06 base.

The use of the little amount of discretionary funds will be mostly consumed on implementing the Informatics degree (\$103,088 for 2006-2007) and for the Early Childhood Education program (\$67,000 for 2006-2007). Those administrators, who were asked to present at the budget hearings, were told new initiatives would have to come from reallocation within their own budgets or across campus budgets.

Some Highlights of Budget Requests

1. \$42,700 increase for University Division includes orientation costs and expansion of orientation leaders to year-long mentors
2. \$21,000 for adjunct salaries to cover sabbatical leaves
3. \$2,500 for an Annual Faculty Research Award
4. \$15,000 to match VP McRobbies' funds to support research including survey research
5. \$24,000 a year to give Learning Community faculty a \$2,000 per year stipend.
6. \$36,000 increase in starting a new publication to replace *Messenger* and *Bridges* and starting a periodic newsletter. An additional \$23,000 for a consultant to set-up the new publication
7. \$30,000 increase in general fund scholarships
8. \$20,000 increase from reserves for web page development. This request must first be approved by the Trustees.