

IUPUC Informal Reception with Campus Leaders

Talking Points for President-Elect Michael A. McRobbie

Indiana University

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Mike and Phyllis Ryan Solarium

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3:45 to 4:10 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTION

Thank you for that kind introduction, Nasser.

Last week, the IU Board of Trustees gave me the greatest challenge and honor of my life when they selected me the 18th president of Indiana University.

I came to Indiana from Australia ten years ago. In that decade, my family and I have become Hoosiers. Indiana and Indiana University have become our home.

2. A VITAL CROSSROADS

- Vital crossroads
- Stay focused on fundamental missions: education and research
- Service and engagement: third mission depends on success of first two
- Challenges: global competition, generational change, constrained resources
- Importance of partnership and collaboration with regional campuses in face of challenges

- Importance of honesty
- Challenges on ALL of our campuses
- Must identify them directly and address them forcefully

3. IU COLUMBUS: DYNAMIC GROWTH AND COLLABORATION

Community Partnerships

- Columbus Community Education Coalition—strong advocates for higher education in Columbus
- Community Learning Center—city-owned building dedicated to higher education
- Workforce and economic development
 - Cummins plant expansion
 - Increased opportunity for educational collaborations
 - Strengthen partnership with Purdue and Ivy Tech

State Appropriation

- Grows out of the October 2006 Cummins announcement to expand their plant in Columbus
- Gov. Daniels agreed to ask the General Assembly for \$2 million a year over the next decade to enhance course offerings
- Great potential for growth in region

Growth

- These changes bring growth
- Already reflected in the increases in credit hour production over the last seven semesters.

4. CONCLUSION

One great strength of this university is its geographical and intellectual reach. I intend to be president of the whole of Indiana University. With collaboration and partnership, we can prepare students to thrive in an increasingly global marketplace. Our vision must be both local and global. We must serve the State while focusing on the international horizon.

The power of education is the power to change the future. Working together, side by side, I hope we can chart a new future of greatness for Indiana University.

Thank you very much.