

## Regional Research Task Force

The Chancellors and EVCAAs have collaborated on the charge for this task force. It is:

**To refine the research/creative activity mission of the IU Regional Campuses by operationalizing the Research Pillar of the IU 2030 Strategic Planning Framework in the regional campus context, including how regional campus research should be defined (i.e., using a Boyer-esque model, etc.).**

In addition to defining the research mission, there are several operational questions that the Chancellors would like the Task Force to tackle.

What strategies can we, under the regional campus mission, use to address the goals in IU 2030? Here are the goals from the IU document. Sue Sciame-Giesecke added some initial questions for the Task Force to consider.

- IU will engage in high-impact research and creative activity to improve the lives of people in Indiana and beyond.

What are we currently doing on each regional campus in this area to improve the lives of people and Indiana and beyond? With an inventory, how can we better tell our story? How can we increase what we are doing? Are there opportunities for us to work together? If so, in what ways and in what areas? What resources are needed for us to enhance our efforts?

- IU will enhance the impact of its research through targeted, strategic investments in IU will increase research and creative activity, create a more pervasive culture of research, advance diversity, equity and inclusion in its research community, expand research opportunities for students, and work to reduce or eliminate barriers to research.
  - How do we increase research and creative activity on the regional campuses? How do we increase external grants to support that work? We have data now on what each faculty member is producing, what is a realistic goal for growth? How can we better use our reassignment opportunity on each campus on a continuum from significant reassignment to no reassignment? What process can we use to allow each faculty member to request the needed research reassignment in any given year?
  - What are we currently doing in undergraduate research and how can we expand these opportunities?
- Important areas in which IU has proven strength or can identify distinct opportunities.

Is this an area that the regional campuses or an individual campus would like to explore? If so, how can we begin these discussions and what is needed to move forward?

- IU will facilitate greater research impact and more responsible stewardship by crossing disciplinary, geographic, and institutional boundaries, to facilitate and draw on sustained interdisciplinary collaborations.

What are 2-3 opportunities for us to explore to work across the regional campuses?

- IU will provide rational incentives, recognition and rewards for research productivity and impact.

What current recognition do we have for research on each campus? Do we need a regional campus-wide award? Is there more we should be doing?

- IU will allocate research facilities and assess those allocations regularly, based on productivity.

What issues do we have related to research facilities on each campus? Is there an opportunity to share facilities?

- IU will expand its efforts to translate its research and creative activity to the public through a shared commitment to disclosure and licensing of inventions, discoveries, and innovations; entrepreneurship; and partnerships with key constituencies.

Is there a role for regional campuses to engage in this work? If so, who is currently doing this work on the regional campuses? What will we need to engage other faculty and students?