

IU Northwest Council Meeting Notes
Meeting Held Tuesday March 10 2015

I. Planning exercise at March 10, 2015 Council meeting facilitated by Dr. Charlie Hobson

The planning exercise was the only agenda item on the Council agenda, and the entire meeting was devoted to the Strategic Planning Exercise, which was facilitated by Dr. Charlie Hobson.

To prepare for the first planning exercise, at the Council meeting in February, the Council reviewed the Indiana University Bicentennial Plan and IU Regional Campus Blueprint for Student Achievement 2.0, to have the draft strategic priorities document in alignment with the IU Bicentennial Plan and the Regional Campus Blueprint for Student Engagement 2.0. The IU Northwest exercise is aimed at a revised and refined planning draft that will be shared and discussed with all IU Northwest campus constituencies during the remainder of the academic year, with finalization by the Council during the summer.

The seven draft strategic priorities identified in February were confirmed to represent the major priorities at IU Northwest, and work will continue to associate the priorities with campus-level objectives that will define how the campus will pursue the priorities. Operational objectives will also be defined, at a later date, at the department, school, program or unit level, to guide the work that will determine where resources and efforts should be focused. After a review of proposed refinements to the IU Northwest Strategic Priorities, the Council confirmed that the draft is in alignment with the IU Bicentennial Plan and Regional Campus Blueprint for Student Engagement 2.0.

Moving forward with the planning process, Council members were divided into four groups, led by members of the Leadership Team, and tasked with drafting measurable objectives to accompany the draft strategic priorities. At the March Council meeting, the groups submitted their draft objectives and, after deliberation, Council members agreed regarding the most concise and applicable objectives to pursue, to be further synthesized and refined.

Chancellor Lowe provided a re-draft of the priorities document, which reflected the discussion during the February 2015 planning session and was endorsed by the Council. Team leaders will work to draft the objectives into succinct, clear statements, to include with the Strategic Priorities document. The draft priorities and objectives will be distributed to the Council for feedback prior to the April meeting, after which Council members will release the draft to their campus constituents (students, faculty and staff) for feedback.

Discussion about the priorities and objectives, as well as the responsibility of unit heads and others to define measurable unit level operational plans, will continue at the April IU Northwest Council meeting.

Chancellor Lowe and the entire Council enthusiastically thanked Dr. Charlie Hobson for his excellent work as facilitator.