

Take Five

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The News in Academic Affairs



At the end of the fall semester, Faculty Senate President Paul Cook solicited faculty input on ways we might give students a break

from the weekly routine in the spring, since there will be no spring break. I encourage you to visit a [Google doc](#) where you can share your ideas. Of course, IU Kokomo is the home of out-of-the-box learning, so this challenge should be a breeze for us. Some faculty may decide to send their students to one another's classes and then bring back what they learn about, say, communication to apply to their regular class in psychology or business. Others may schedule some KEY experiences, such as re-enactments or field experiences, for classroom activities. By the way, we are allowed to schedule KEY events off campus, but students need to transport themselves until we get the green light to resume bus travel. ● BLT (Beth and Laura Time) is back this semester. This regular Zoom event helps students connect with campus staff and one another in sessions dedicated to a variety of topics, such as "Coping with Current Events." The "New to Campus?" sessions will feature current students sharing their insights. Keep an eye on the *Take Five* calendar to see dates and times. Beth Barnett and Laura Bain-Selbo welcome your ideas for topics.

Student Success Corner

Thanks for monitoring student attendance closely in our first week and using SER to report. Our clerical staff called about two dozen students and helped many to get back on track with their classes. If you are teaching a Monday-only class and a student misses on Jan. 25, you can send that name to your support for a call. Starting Jan. 26, please do not forward names to these staff but instead return to your typical practice (usually sending an email and at times asking academic advisors to reach out).
-Christina Downey (downeyca@iuk.edu)



Tammy Ledbetter works with a Laerdol representative to assemble a new Sim Man for Nursing's Sim Lab.

Upcoming Events

- 1/25: [BLT: Coping with Current Events](#)* (noon, online)
- 1/25: [Faculty Senate Meeting](#) (2:30 p.m., online)
- 1/26: [Generational Gaps](#)* (10 a.m., online)
- 1/27: LGBTQ+ Center Meet & Greet** (5:30 p.m., online)
- 1/28: Black Student Center Meet & Greet** (6 p.m., online)
- 2/2: [Career Readiness: Teamwork and Collaboration](#)* (10 a.m., online)
- 2/4: [BLT: New to Campus?](#)* (noon, online)
- 2/8: [BLT: New to Campus?](#)* (noon, online)
- 2/11: [Virtual Activities Fair](#) (noon, online)
- 2/16: [Career Readiness: Communication](#)* (10 a.m., online)
- 2/17: [Virtual Speed Interviews](#)* (11 a.m., online)
- 2/18: [Virtual Speed Interviews](#)* (1 p.m., online)
- 2/26: [Virtual Graduate School Panel](#)* (10 a.m., online)
- 3/2: [Career Readiness: Critical Thinking, Problem Solving, Technology](#)* (10 a.m., online)
- 3/10: [Your "Brand" . . . Social Media Workshop](#)* (11:30 a.m., online)

* Click on the link to register.

* Visit Facebook page for link.

Kudos for Kokomojo

- Congratulations to Ghadah Alshuwaiyer for facilitating a successful faculty learning community where she and Josephine Dibie, Cheryl Beyioku, Melinda Stanley, and Joe Waters completed the Teaching for Student Success Series of six modules and earned the TSS certificate. Christina Romero-Ivanova and Rosalyn Davis have also completed the TSS modules and earned the certificate on their own.