TO: School of Education Policy Council

FROM: Gary M. Crow, Chair
Long Range Planning Committee

RE: Annual report

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The Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) of the School of Education is composed of the following individuals: Keith Barton, Jacqueline Blackwell, Ginette Delandshere, Enrique Galindo, Daniel Hickey, David Mank, Brendan Maxcy, David Phelps (student rep), Gary Pike, Charles Reigeluth, Michael Tracy, Vasti Torres, Jane Kaho, Dean Gerardo Gonzales, and Gary Crow (chair). The committee focused on the following responsibilities during 2010-2011:

1. SOE Constitution Revisions. Following an extensive review of the SOE Constitution, including interviews with faculty and administrators and an open meeting for faculty to ask questions and make recommendations, the revised Constitution was sent to the Policy Council which submitted the revisions by electronic ballot to all faculty. All recommended changes were approved by the faculty in the fall 2010. The LRPC believes that the revisions clarify processes, streamline committee work, and more accurately align the Constitution with current governance practices.

2. Fall 2010 Core Campus Retreat. The fall 2010 core campus retreat was held on September 24, 2010 at Bradford Woods. The retreat focus was "What does the future look like? Envisioning our future work in the School of Education." Using a variety of formats including informal conversations, a town hall meeting, a presentation by the Dean, and breakout sessions, the retreat began a strategic planning process by eliciting faculty perspectives on future goals for the SOE. In addition, a wine and cheese reception and talent show were included in this year's retreat agenda. The LRPC conducted an electronic survey to evaluate the retreat. Although 68% (19 out of the 28 who responded and attended the retreat) viewed the retreat as valuable, numerous comments were made about the frequency of retreats, the purpose of a retreat, and the value of specific elements of the retreat. After reviewing the evaluation comments, the LRPC decided not to schedule a retreat for fall 2011 and to re-examine the purpose and relevance of the retreat for upcoming years.

3. Strategic Plan Revisions. The Policy Council charged the LRPC to review and possibly revise the SOE Long Range Strategic Plan. Thus far, the LRPC has used several documents to help us review and revise the current plan, including reports from the retreat breakout groups on future goals, the report from the 2006 SOE retreat when the strategic plan was last examined, the previous report from the 2006-07 LRPC, the draft IU strategic plan—"The Principles of Excellence," and the report from the IU New Academic Directions task force. Subgroups of the LRPC have examined the specific five goals, reviewing whether or not the goal is still relevant and identifying other goals and tasks which might be added to the plan.

The LRPC's work in the new few months will focus primarily on continuing the revisions to the School of Education's Long Range Strategic Plan in order to deliver our recommendations to the Policy Council in the fall 2011.