IU Northwest Breakfast Meeting with Faculty Leaders

Talking Points for President-Elect Michael A. McRobbie
Indiana University
Library Conference Center
Room 110
IU Northwest
March 6, 2007
9:45 to 10:30

1. INTRODUCTION

Thank you for that kind introduction, Bruce.

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 main 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 NORTHWEST: DYNAMIC GROWTH AND COLLABORATION

- Do what is right
- Collaborate with other higher education partners to serve the region better
- Evidence of growth and engagement and collaboration:

Diversity

IUN—ranks as most diverse master's level campus in Midwest.

Strength in diversity

Culture

Gallery for Contemporary Art

Gallery Northwest

New Shadows and Echoes Sculpture Garden officially opened in January

College of Health and Human Services

- approved by the Trustees this past Friday
- responds to the needs of the community
- focused on the future of the region and of Indiana University
- IU Northwest is only regional campus with a medical school located on campus. Offers potential for significant partnership
- The entire university looking to become national and international leader through the Life Sciences Initiative
    - engine for economic development
    - draws upon the university's many strengths in health and life sciences.

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, and my first goal is to listen and learn. 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. I hope we can do that together.

Thank you very much.