

IU Northwest Council Meeting Notes
Meeting Held Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Strategic Priorities & Objectives:

**#1 Student Success; #2 Valuing People; #3 Leveraging Diversity for Inclusive Excellence;
 #4 Building & Sustaining Community; #5 Financial Stewardship & Infrastructure**

Chancellor Lowe asked if there were comments or questions about the October 8, 2019 meeting notes and, hearing none, he advised Council members to contact him with any changes.

I. Enrollment Management & Student Success – Strategic Priority #1

- Executive Vice Chancellor Vicki Román-Lagunas reported on the Pizza and Parking Initiative indicating that in four days 795 students enrolled, reflecting an increase of 457 above the number of students at this time last year. Executive Vice Chancellor Román-Lagunas stated that this initiative, which continues through November 15, involves every Vice Chancellors' areas of operation and praised all for a job well done as did Chancellor Lowe. He also thanked the Student Government Association (SGA) for their participation in this initiative.
- Dorothy Frink advised increases in admitted numbers as well. The Admissions office continues to work with transfer, adult learner and online students.
- Executive Vice Chancellor Román-Lagunas informed the Council of a small task group reaching out to students, based on specific criteria, to offer help to those students needing assistance to resolve issues that are keeping students from re-enrolling.
- Dorothy Frink reported on conference attended, which led to a discussion regarding students with credits without degrees.

Updates – Finance and Human Resources – Strategic Priority #2, #4 and #5

None to report due to absence.

II. Student Government Association (SGA) Update

- Laila Nawab reported the Association's discussion on preparing "Did you Know" flyers in hopes to increase knowledge of what is on campus. Also, survey styles are changing to include five questions and the ability to provide suggestions.
- Laila also indicated that the vacancy in a student government position should be filled by the beginning of the Spring Semester.
- In the peer mentoring program, mentors and mentees are set up.
- Regarding the purification water systems, students are requesting more on campus. Andy Kapocius reported on the bottle filler efforts, indicating that, as current water dispensers fail, they will be replaced. However, the plan is to begin on the first floors working up through the next floors for replacements.
- Laila commented on the belief that Ivy Tech students are taking up focus rooms in the Arts and Sciences Building, not using them for purposes intended. She clarified the first floor focus rooms. In the discussion, several suggestions made to avert issues included signage to define use or redirect students to other locations; meeting with a police officer; scheduling rooms, assigning a committee to further research the concerns.

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- Laila commented on the portable moving charge stations, specifically in the Dunes and Arts and Sciences buildings. Chancellor Lowe requested Nick Ray and Andy Kapocius get together to enhance the areas where students sit and to evaluate how many more are needed in the classrooms.
- Aneesah Ali inquired if any of the Council members had been contacted with concerns about the inability to access the minutes of Council meetings. Laila commented she receives a “401 authorization error” at the “PDF” hyperlink. Chancellor Lowe advised he would inquire about this access error.

III. Updates – Facilities and Operations – Strategic Priority #5

Andy Kapocius reported the following:

- Wrapping up in the Library, with only a few more people to move back to their spaces.
- The power will be shut down Friday, November 29, for approximately 4 to 5 hours to the Anderson Library and Dunes buildings, to install new electric meter and test a fire pump. Facility Services will contact all associated with the shutdown. Currently, Facilities is testing generators for switchovers.

The Stanley Secure System will be decommissioned January 1, 2019, replaced by the new system.

- New light poles will be placed in the Anderson Plaza.
- Moving from building to building, room signage, ADA certified, is being changed out.
- The new food services contract will be in place by the beginning of the Spring semester (January 13). Catering is included. The Library Café is planned to open as well, with Starbuck products and “to go” items.

Andy demonstrated the new work order system and requested that employees submit any routine issues using this system. However, he stressed the importance of contacting dispatch (6501) for emergencies. Aneesah Ali inquired about the ability of adding Human Resources and Student Support Services in the notification, to assist in alerting any ADA registered students or staff.

IV. University Advancement Update

Vice Chancellor Jeri Pat Gabbert indicated that the Chancellor’s Medallion was a great evening and thanked all. Jeri Pat commented on the Bicentennial campaign stating we have exceeded our goal of 8 million dollars and are working to reach 10 million by the end date of June 30, 2020. The University goal of 3 billion dollars has been exceeded (@ 3.25 billion dollars).

Vice Chancellor Gabbert was able to answer an inquiry regarding Indiana license plate purchase contributions. She advised that the funds for IU license plates goes to the IU Alumni Association, based on membership and the IU Northwest distribution is minimal.

V. Campus Results for National Study of Learning, Voting & Engagement – Ellen Szarleta

Ellen Szarleta presented results of a national study comparing voting among our students during 2014 and 2018. The presentation resulted in discussion of recommendations about how to encourage our students to be more civically engaged and concerns about and awareness among our students.

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The campus should think in advance about what IU Northwest might do to facilitate local as well as national issues forums, based on experiences and tools available, for the 2020 election cycle. Chancellor Lowe advised that the principal author of the 2019 *Indiana Civic Health Index* is Ellen Szarleta.

VI. Council Annual Survey Results – Improvement Initiatives

• **2019 Council Survey**

For various reasons, Chancellor Lowe reported that the 2019 Council Annual Survey 2019 was not sent out.

• **Rotate “pressing issues”/dean/division/office/program updates/profiles at alternate meetings**

↳ **Issue/Profile Schedules: December, February, April, June, October**

Topic:

↳ **Reading Schedule: November, January, March, May, September**

Topic: [The Enrollment Crash Goes Deeper Than Demographics, Colleges can't stop what's coming, but they can be better prepared](#), by Nathan D. Grawe (Click title to follow link to the article.)

Chancellor Lowe discussed Nathan Grawe’s writings. In his “best-selling” book on the future of regional college-going populations, Grawe does not reference the word “retention”. He emphasizes admissions and recruitment. But his article references retention and connections to learning and the student’s next phase of life (e.g., learning relevant to careers). During the discussion, John Novak suggested another article by Michael Hicks, which Chancellor Lowe asked John to send forward.

VII. Institutional Effectiveness Update – J. Novak

- John Novak discussed plans and inventories relating to the HLC Student Success Initiative. Team Committee members may be reaching out for examples of student success initiatives. The committee team members are Jennifer Davis, Andy Kmiec, Harold Olivey, Kris Huysken, Cynthia O’Dell, Mark Hoyert, Dorothy Frink and John Novak.
- John advised response rates for surveys; transfer students at 35%; financial wellness at 17%; and faculty survey at 18%.
- John discussed coordinating surveys, possibly establishing a policy to schedule surveys, as well as compliance issues with Human Subjects and procedural rules. Executive Vice Chancellor Román-Lagunas suggested John work on this task and bring forward recommendations.
- John commented on the first destination effort (supported by IU) indicating that additional questions recommended by the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) will be added to the graduate surveys.

VIII. Bicentennial Update – J. Wallace

James Wallace reported on the progress of the Bicentennial Time Capsule, advising he would provide a list of items the committee is collecting through December 19, 2019 and showing a picture of the capsule. Vice Chancellor Gabbert requested that a photograph be taken when the items are placed in the capsule.

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IX. *Campus Conversation on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion follow-up:*
Leadership role(s) for Council

One Book – One Campus – One Community – One Book Committee

- 2019-20 selection: *They Can't Kill Us Until They Kill Us: Essays* by Hanif Abdurraqib_ <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2018/oct/21/they-cant-kill-us-until-they-kill-us-hanif-abdurraqib-review>

Chancellor Lowe commented on the successful event in which the 2019 author visited the campus on Thursday, October 17, 2019.

James Wallace commented on the financial support from the Office of the Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Multicultural Affairs to purchase books for students from local schools for the One Book author visit. He also advised that the committee is working on the selection and plans for the next book.

X. **Updates – Professional Staff, Clerical and Technical Staff, Police Officers, and Service Staff**

Professional Staff – Dorothy Frink commented on the ongoing discussions with professional staff regarding representation at the Northwest Council and other general topics.

Clerical and Technical Staff – None.

Police Officers – Officer Piry advised that the department finished up with interviews and should have two new officers on campus soon. She also commented on some students' perception of safety on campus, suggesting the issue may be miscommunication or education.

Service Staff – None.

XI. **Chancellor's Report**

Chancellor Lowe advised that a reminder went out for the Holiday Gathering, 12 December 2019 at 2:00 pm, in the Arts and Sciences building. Chancellor Lowe commented on the use of student artwork for the holiday card and invitation. The artwork is uniformly high-quality and his office used submissions from all six student artists.

XII. **Other Information**

Dr. Bankston congratulated Susan Zinner's efforts in hosting the End of Life conference, with Terry Bard, Harvard University Medical School, as keynote speaker.