

Action Items

Informational Items

I. Update on President's University Diversity Initiative Award

Dr. Coopwood distributed information regarding the President's Diversity Initiative proposal submitted by IU Northwest in the Fall of 2008. IU Northwest was awarded \$110,001 for three years for its proposal to initiate a New Student Success Program (NSSP) which will be viewed as a possible retention initiative. Funding will be offered for the first time during the Fall 2009 semester to underrepresented students. Data will be collected throughout the year and program success will be measured through information contained in an annual report. One variable will be persistence to see how students are progressing and if they are being retained. Because students will be required to take a first-year experience course, Vice Chancellor Malik advised that we must move forward very quickly with design of the course if it is to be offered in Fall 2009. Faculty members must be informed about specifics of the course. Chancellor Bergland stressed that expectations are high for the campus to be successful and for the initiative to be executed well. He stated that Dr. Coopwood will need cooperation and collaboration from all, specifically Academic Affairs and Student Affairs. If we lack sufficient planning time to implement the initiative according to the proposal, Chancellor Bergland wants to know early on so that he can inform Dr. Ed Marshall. Dr. Charlotte Reed shared information about her experience designing a similar class and suggested that the course be required as a condition of admission. Vice Chancellor Malik suggested establishing a planning group with a representative from each school participating to assist with the design for the nucleus of the class, and asked Dr. Reed to participate in the effort. Information about proposals from other campuses will be included in the "Information Sharing" section of the next agenda.

II. SAAB Quarterly Report

Dr. Coopwood distributed a document to update the group about the Student African American Brotherhood (SAAB) program. He explained that SAAB is designed to assist underrepresented males and to provide support for them to graduate from college. Included in a list of past and upcoming events is a state-wide meeting at IU Northwest on March 1. He also announced a group initiative for an Earth Day cleanup on April 18, 2009 which will focus on cleaning the area between IU Northwest and Ivy Tech, and area residents will be asked to participate. Dr. Wichelns suggested getting sponsors to assist with efforts and selling t-shirts with the SAAB logo and Earth Day information. Chancellor Bergland advised Dr. Coopwood to speak with Dr. Pellicciotti and Toni Lieteau to maintain campus protocol with cleanup efforts. He also remarked that our legislators and Bloomington administrative personnel really want IU Northwest to be involved in the SAAB initiative. Dr. Bergland urged Dr. Coopwood to pay attention to relative data which will indicate if we are retaining the students as a result of the program. Dr. Coopwood is pleased that the IU Northwest SAAB group is one of the most active and populated student groups on campus and is receiving campus support.

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III. Gary School Initiative

The Gary School Initiative was discussed at a meeting held in Bloomington on January 22, 2009. The impetus for the meeting was to discuss how the Bloomington School of Education and IU Northwest's School of Education can work together to have a coordinated impact in the Gary schools. Dr. Coopwood distributed a summary of the meeting discussion points. Dr. Coopwood and Phillip Seabrook, Assistant Vice President, Bloomington Office of Diversity, Equity and Multicultural Affairs, will oversee and coordinate the initiative with a first assignment to appoint and convene a Gary pre-collegiate diversity coalition to identify and address needs currently unmet by existing collaborations and partnerships. A correction was made in the section of the document distributed by Dr. Coopwood regarding "Target issue." The phrase in the first parenthesis should read "particularly the IU Northwest School of Education" and not "School of Medicine." Dr. Malik suggested that Drs Debbie Thomas and Stan Wigle serve on the steering committee. Dr. Wigle cannot participate at this point but will identify someone, possibly Dr. Rochelle Brock, from SOE to serve on the planning group. Beth Van Gordon informed the Council that an IT services group has been working with the Gary Schools on a regular basis because they are interested in providing the same technology that IU Northwest has to the new school structures that are being developed through school consolidation efforts. Beth volunteered to participate on the IU Northwest Gary School coalition. Dr. Charlotte Reed questioned why UTEP was not at the nucleus of these efforts considering their strong, collaborative, 20 year relationship with the Gary Schools. She further stressed the need for IU Northwest campus constituents to be more involved in the Gary school district rather than in the suburban districts. Chancellor Bergland noted that UTEP, for some reason, is not recognized for their involvement and cited examples.

IV. Update on WIGs and Lead Measures

a. Retention and Recruitment Update

Vice Chancellor Hodges distributed lead measures that will impact retention and recruitment for Fall 2009. She remarked that it seems like groups are still working in silos and that all need to come together to strategize and compare initiatives. Chancellor Bergland charged her with putting together a coordinating group to begin immediately to bring everyone together. Vice Chancellor Hodges stressed that all Deans should have a representative on the group. Chancellor Bergland wants a report from that group at the next Council meeting. Beth Van Gordon offered a suggestion for a computer gaming initiative for students and will discuss this idea further with Vice Chancellor Hodges.

b. Academic Affairs Update

Vice Chancellor Malik distributed a progress report from Academic Affairs on recruitment and retention. He asked the Council to provide feedback to the Deans.

V. Campus Climate Survey

The campus will be moving forward with a follow up to the Campus Climate Survey administered three years ago. Dr. Linda Delunas and Kathryn Lantz will take the lead on this project.

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VI. Update on Facilities Issues

Dr. Pellicciotti recently received a hydrology study commissioned by President McRobbie after the last flooding situation at IU Northwest. Dr. Wichelns summarized the study for the Council and distributed the summary document which included ideas for flood control. Dr. Wichelns volunteered his efforts to assist with flooding issues, and Chancellor Bergland asked Vice Chancellor Pellicciotti to contact Tom Williams in Bloomington, the person that commissioned the report, to put him in touch with Dr. Wichelns. The Council applauded Dr. Wichelns' efforts and the helpful report that he prepared.

Dr. Pellicciotti reported that a meeting was held on February 23 with representatives from the Lake County Surveyor's Office, personnel from the City of Gary and the Gary Sanitary District to determine if area flooding issues can be included with the request for stimulus projects. There is a possibility that the Broadway median project will be resurrected and tied in with these projects. We are still waiting for an updated response from Bloomington regarding IU Northwest's facilities displacement issues and temporary housing.

Chancellor Bergland reported that Tamarack Hall is in the House Bill and asked that Council members send notes of thanks to legislators that they know personally.

VII. Progress Report Regarding Slow Down in Filling Staff and Hourly Positions

Carolyn Hartley provided an update to the November communication from University officials regarding slowing down hiring efforts and noted that hiring at IU Northwest is slower. Currently, only replacements for some vacant positions are hired.

VIII. Other Information

- Dr. Myrtle Campbell, Interim Gary School Superintendent, is anxious to collaborate with IU Northwest, and she would like to discuss selling property to IU Northwest owned by the Gary School System.
- Work on regional campus master plans is forthcoming now that master plans for Bloomington and Indianapolis are complete.
- Chancellor Bergland urged meeting participants to provide electronic copies of documents to include on Oncourse prior to Council meetings.
- **Coming Events**
 - The Student Health Clinic Grand Opening ceremony is Monday, March 2 at 4:30 in the Dunes Atrium.
 - A Black History Month event, "The Legacy of Black Magicians," is scheduled on Thursday, February 26 in Savannah.
 - The Science Olympiad is Saturday, February 28.