

INDIANA UNIVERSITY KOKOMO

Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, **October 7**, 2003

Kelley Center 130

Open Session 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Minutes

Present: Don Almquist, Jim Briscoe, Jerry Butler, Vicki Byrd, Kevin Clancey, Dan Goddard, Steve Healy, John Hingst, Dan Hogan, Jim Holtson, Dave Howe, Tom McKaig, Pat McNarny, Mick Ortman, Tom Ransom, Merton Stanley, Amber Stearns, Bill Stifle, Gary Tyler

Absent: Jim Alender, Steve Backer, Susanne Bair, Don Beaton, Chuck Bucheri, Jill Dunn, Kenny Hill, Gene McGarvey, Tom McKinney, Pat Pickett, Dwight Singer, Mike Stegall, Robin Walker, Shirley Walter

Staff: Stuart Green, Susan Kinsella, Ruth Person, Sue Sciame-Giesecke, Jack Tharp, Bill Yost

Remarks from the Chair

Jim Alender was unable to attend the meeting. Pat McNarny, Chair of the Public Affairs Committee, presided over the meeting in his absence.

The meeting opened at 4:05 p.m. Pat McNarny asked for approval of the April 29 minutes as written. Motion was made to approve; approval was seconded. Motion carried.

Trustee Remarks

Trustee Steve Backer was unable to attend the meeting.

Chancellor=s Remarks

Chancellor Person asked Jack Tharp to give an enrollment update. A handout was provided to the Board. He informed the board that out of eight IU campuses Kokomo had the highest percent of increase: 6.6% in head count and 7.9% in credit hours. He noted that Indiana State and Vincennes were both down in enrollment. It appears the increase in college enrollment is not statewide.

Nursing and allied health are the areas that affected enrollment the most. Students are

looking for programs that have job openings and the health field has many vacancies. Arts and Sciences enrollment was also very positive. This is the second year that IU Kokomo has had an increase in full time students; 56% of undergraduates are full time students.

Steve Healy inquired about the P-16 proposal currently being discussed at the state level and asked how that would impact the number of incoming students. Jack Tharp told the Board that this is the last year for the guided study program. It looks as if 60-70 students that were admitted this year would not be admitted next year.

Stuart Green told the Board that in order to make up the difference in the students we lose we are moving in the direction of honors and we are re-attracting returning adult student with the Accelerated evening program. Steve Healy pointed out that many parents don't push for their children to take the core 40. A strong curriculum is very important in order to be prepared for college courses. Chancellor Person will distribute the P-16 document to the Board at the next meeting.

Chancellor Person gave an update on the progress the campus has made. She pointed out that her Fall convocation remarks, which include campus progress, were provided in the September issue of *Bridges*. She told the Board that with the influx of more full-time students of traditional age there are different needs and expectations. IU Kokomo has colonized its first sorority. Phi Sigma Sigma has pledged 57 women. This sorority was founded in 1913 in New York. Chancellor Person stated she would be open to another group if the interest was there.

She also informed the Board the Campus Master Plan will be updated along with beginning on a new Strategic Plan.

Bill Yost told the Board about the work that had been done over the summer: parking lots were repaved; two campus houses, several offices, and classrooms were renovated.

Stuart Green discussed the Lilly Grant and the Lumina Grant Initiative. He stated the Lilly Foundation has a collaboration grant and our share would be \$165,000 spread over 3 years. The goal is to retain graduates from undergraduate institutions in Indiana. There are two strategies for this. The first is to direct students into internship opportunities. Resources will be directed to career services to expand opportunities for students. Many students work and are unable to utilize internship opportunities without compensation. The second strategy is for the university to partner with area business and entrepreneurs. Many resources are untapped -- faculty expertise is underutilized in many areas including business, the sciences, and technology. IU Kokomo needs to be more aggressive and be more involved with the local chambers and organizations.

The Lumina Grant would be \$100,000 over a two-year period. This would be used to assist under represented students. The 21st Century Scholars students have a success rate

well below average. Project Success would track students and provide transition during the summer months. The students would begin regular programming in the fall with student services and faculty cohort support.

Kresge Science Challenge

Susan Kinsella informed the Board about the Kresge Science Challenge. A packet of information was given to each Board member. So far around \$125,000 has been raised, which is 1/4 of what is needed. The fund-raising committee has spoken to Cabinet and will be having a presentation for faculty and staff. Cabinet has generously pledged \$11,000 to date. The committee is asking for 100% participation from IU Kokomo employees. The Board was asked to fill out a gift card and submit before the next Kresge Science Challenge Committee meeting on October 18.

Chancellor Person added that all students no matter what their major have to take science. The science equipment will be a benefit to every student.

Stuart Green added that having state of the art science equipment is very significant in terms of what it provides for students; if they are not getting state of the art experience they will not be the kind of employees businesses want to hire. Equipment can be shared with other researchers and entrepreneurs as well.

Chancellor Person introduced newly appointed Dean of Arts and Sciences Sue Sciame-Giesecke. Sue told the Board about what the unit had been doing. She developed a strategic plan and has had each program nationally reviewed. She mentioned that the largest challenge is the general education courses required of students. Students are required to take 70 hours of general education, whereas most schools require 40-50 hours. The unit had a successful summer trip to Mexico taking 15 students. A trip to London offering three classes will take place on Spring Break week this year. She told the Board about the Freshman Learning Community. This helps students move from freshman to sophomore year, providing a sense of community. These students stay together for a year. It involves 50-60 students and 3 faculty members. It is on its fourth community this year.

Calendar Reminders

Each Board member was given a list of events.

Chancellor Person reminded the Board about the IU Foundation Advisory Board Training on November 7-8. They were asked to let her know if they could participate.

Committee Reports

Campus Life

Jack Tharp reported in the absence of Mike Stegall. The committee met prior to the Advisory Board meeting. Their top priority is a recreational facility. At this point IU Kokomo does have a contract with Powerhouse gym. They are also looking into the expansion of Greek Life.

A programming position in Student Life has been created to work with students and their co-curricular needs. The learning experience needs to be supplemented with service learning and internships. This will be funded in part by the Commitment to Excellence funds through the new student fee.

Jerry Butler stated that he had asked his intern at his business what she felt was needed for students and she replied an ATM machine would be useful.

Development

Nancy Dailey was unable to attend the meeting.

Education Programs

Stuart Green told the Board that the Education Programs Committee met briefly and discussed adding new programs. Several programs have been approved by the Board of Trustees but have not gone to the Commission for Higher Education due to lack of funding. The programs include BS in Secondary Education, Masters in Elementary Education, Masters in Secondary Education and certification in Secondary Education. The committee is also looking into an Early Childhood degree. An education degree is now needed to be a teacher at Bona Vista. At a recent Board of Trustees meeting it was discussed that all IU campuses offer a bachelors degree in Informatics. A new history/political science degree has replaced the degree in social and behavioral sciences and an associate in science in radiography has been added.

New degrees to be taken to the Board of Trustees are a masters in SPEA, a bachelors in Public Affairs and a bachelors in Imaging/Radiography.

Public Affairs

Cathy Hightower was unable to attend the meeting

Chancellor Person informed the Board that there are 29 legislators that represent some county in our region. The committee will be coordinating one-on-one lunches with each legislator so they can get familiar with our campus.

Meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.