

April 30, 2010

Dear colleagues,

It has been another exciting week at Indiana State. While I am looking forward to things calming down a little bit after Commencement, I thoroughly enjoy participating in the many celebrations the end of a semester brings.

From discussions I was in this week it appears as if the State has turned the corner economically. There is growing confidence that further reductions in the appropriation will not be needed to keep the State in the black. I would stress, however, that we are looking at a long period of economic recovery. The budget in the next biennium is likely to be no more than the current. So, overall positive news on the economic front, but it is still too early to have a party.

I was very happy with the level of participation in the inaugural Strategic Planning Stakeholders Conference. It was great to hear about the progress you have all made in implementing the strategic plan and discuss ways we can improve our strategies to accelerate our progress.

Chris Murphy, member and former chair of the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, provided a nice overview of the Commission strategic goals and indicated that Indiana State's goals are in direct alignment with the Commission's. He also praised the campus for maintaining accountability in our strategic planning process.

Commissioner Murphy's presentation along with reports on each of the goal areas can be downloaded from the Stakeholders Conference website at: http://www.indstate.edu/strategic_plan/conf2010.htm. As I said at the conference, significant progress has been but much of the journey remains ahead. If you have been involved, I hope you will continue to provide your assistance. If you have not been involved but would like to volunteer, I encourage you to connect with the goal and/or initiative chair in the area that interests you. Continuing to move forward will require the assistance of many across the campus. Thanks to everyone for your hard work.

On Wednesday, the official groundbreaking ceremony was conducted for the 30,000-square-foot facility that will house the ISU Foundation, a Barnes and Noble academic super store and a Starbucks. This project, located at Fifth and Cherry streets, is a tremendous example of the way partnerships between public and private entities can have great results. For more information, go to: <http://www.indstate.edu/news/news.php?newsid=2230>. I am looking forward to seeing the impact this new retail outlet will have on the downtown and campus communities.

Another ceremony, the dedication of our remodeled baseball facility, will occur on Saturday at 1:30 p.m. Once again, the renovation of the baseball stadium would not have been possible without a partnership with ISU the Foundation and private support. The field is named in honor of former long-time Sycamore Baseball Coach Bob Warn, who will be present to throw out the first pitch.

Other items I would like to share:

- Several faculty members were honored last night at the Faculty Recognition Banquet. Recipients of the President's Medal for exemplary teaching and scholarship were **Sister Alma Mary Anderson** and **Max E. Douglas**. Caleb Mills Distinguished Teaching Award recipients were **Kimberly Bodey, Arthur Feinsod, Margaret Whitaker,** and **Stephen Wolf**. The Theodore Dreiser Distinguished Research and Creativity Award went to **Arthur W. Halpern, Charles Roberts** and **Thomas Sawyer**. **John Conant** and **David Malooley** received the Faculty Distinguished Service Award for outstanding service to the University community, and **Rusty Gonser** received the Faculty Award for Community-Based Learning and Scholarship. The Lloyd W. Benjamin Medal for International Service was awarded to **Brian Kilp**. Congratulations.
- Faculty earning promotion and tenure also were recognized. Achieving promotion to full professor were: **Michael Angilletta, Aruna Chandrasekaran, Jay Gatrell, Michael Harmon, Leamor Kahanov, Christopher Olsen, Joshua Powers,** and **Elaina Tuttle**. **Leamor Kahanov** also received tenure. Faculty receiving both promotion to associate professor and tenure were: **Joe Ashby, Dennis Ballard, Robin Burden, Lisa Cutter, Hemalatha Ganapathy-Coleman, Jennifer Inlow, Katherine Lee, Myung-Ah Lee, Mark Lewandowski, David Nichols, Nancy Nichols-Pethick, Randall Peters, Bassam Yousif,** and **Keri Berg Yousif**. In addition, **Cinda May** was promoted to associate librarian and also received tenure. Congratulations on achieving these career milestones.
- Volunteers are needed to help the Office of Admission with the annual Dial-A-Student campaign. The campaign will take place from 5 to 8 p.m. May 10 through May 13. Current faculty and staff are needed to help call admitted students and encourage them to solidify their enrollment by registering for New Student Orientation, completing their housing application and making other necessary plans. The large increase in freshmen and transfer admissions will necessitate having a larger group of volunteers than normal. If you can help, please contact **Jennifer Mullen** at extension 4399 or Jennifer.Mullen@indstate.edu.
- Indiana State has partnered with Rose-Hulman, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Ivy Tech and Arts Illiana to sponsor the Arts Midwest World Fest Concert Series. The series features four concerts by international music groups with each campus hosting one event. Indiana State is hosting Agatsuma, a Japanese group featuring the traditional sounds of the shamisen with contemporary music influences. The concert will take place at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 5, in the theater at University Hall. Admission is free but tickets are required due to limited seating. For tickets or more information, contact **Julia Lee** at ext. 2339 or julia.lee@indstate.edu.
- Last week, the campus celebrated Earth Day with a series of activities. Associate Professor **Jim Speer** and I talked briefly at that event about Indiana State's efforts related to sustainability. Throughout this past year, several working groups have been meeting regularly to develop the University's first climate action plan. **Jim Jensen** from

Facilities Management has been directing the process and Jim Speer crafted the final document. It is available on the Sustainability website at: <http://www1.indstate.edu/facilities/sustainability/index.html>. The next step will be for the recommendations made by the working groups to be categorized and prioritized. I appreciate everyone's efforts in developing the plan and look forward to finding ways the University can advance its sustainability initiatives.

- One of our sustainability efforts is our tree program on campus, which is ably managed by **Stephanie Krull**. Today is Arbor Day, and we can take pride in Indiana State being named a Tree Campus USA again this year. Stephanie reports that there are 3,500 trees on campus, the largest being the Eastern Cottonwood on 7th Street. The most common variety is Red Maple. We are committed to caring for our tree canopy to provide clean air, shade, and restful outdoor spaces for current and future students, faculty and staff at our institution. Indiana State also has 12 tree farms with a total of 1,310 trees, 570 of which are brand new seedlings this year. Please take a moment today to be thankful for our trees and enjoy their presence as you walk around campus.
- Congratulations to ISU Alumni **Rebecca Boehler** and **Michele Nutter**. Rebecca was named Vigo County Teacher of the Year and a 2010 recipient of the Golden Apple Award. She also served as an adjunct clinical faculty member last year in our Department of Elementary Education and Special Education. Michele is also a 2010 Golden Apple Award recipient and is a '94 and '99 BS and MS graduate. Good job Rebecca, Michele and the **Department of Elementary Education and Special Education**.
- Indiana State University students have raised more than \$20,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital for the second year in a row. This year's Up 'Til Dawn campaign garnered \$20,879 for the hospital. The **Student Athlete Advisory Council** was the top team, raising \$2,816. Other top teams were **Delta Gamma, Team DC, Pi Kappa Alpha** and the **Indiana State football team**. The students plan to rename ISU's program the J.D. Miller Honorary Up 'Til Dawn chapter, honoring the student who poured his heart and energy into launching the fundraiser. Thanks to all the students who participated.
- Professor Emeritus of Art **Dick Hay** will be featured in an upcoming program that will air on WTIU. "Dick Hay: Artist, Teacher and Mentor" will premiere on the PBS channel on Sunday, June 6, at 10:30 p.m. and will be aired again on Saturday, July 3, at 11 p.m. Professor Hay taught at Indiana State for 40 years and mentored many students who went on to become ceramic artists and teachers.
- Once again, Indiana State students have been chosen for the prestigious American Humanics NextGen Scholarships. **Lynn Gutierrez**, a junior majoring in elementary education, recreation management and youth leadership; **Aliya Khan**, a junior majoring in psychology; and **Kelsey Pearman**, a senior majoring in biology, were selected for the \$4,500 awards. The program supports the students during their required minimum 300-hour nonprofit internship and provides a network of nonprofit leaders who serve as

career coaches. The three ISU recipients were among 50 students selected from across the country.

- I would like to recognize the inaugural class of Leadership ISU on their graduation. The 2009-2010 participants were: **Roberta Allen, Linda Behrendt, Nolan Davis, Steve Duzan, Michael Elkins, Kelly Hall, Jim Jensen, Sheila Johnson, Jennifer Lewellyn, Heather Miklozek, Eric Motycka, Amy Naidu, Amanda Owen, Kevin Smith, and Steve Stofferahn**. I would also like to thank the Leadership ISU Advisory Committee and all those who presented programs during the past year. **Information about applying for the 2010-2011 class will be distributed soon in ISU Today.**
- Commencement is upon us, and I encourage faculty to participate in this most meaningful day for our students. Childcare will be available for faculty and staff participating in Spring 2010 Commencement. If you are interested in having your child or children supervised on campus while you are participating in commencement, please contact **Linda Maule**, at 812-237-3940 or Linda.Maule@indstate.edu. To provide another personal touch, the Office of Communications and Marketing is offering Commencement e-cards for faculty and staff to send to graduating students. The cards are available at http://www.indstate.edu/commar/commencement_greet.htm. Questions may be directed to Communications and Marketing at 237-3773 or tara.singer@indstate.edu.
- Once Commencement is over, a number of construction projects will begin, necessitating the closing of a portion of 5th Street and a temporary conversion of the part left opened to two-way traffic. The most significant projects include the renovation of Pickerl Hall, the construction of a satellite chilled water plant and the renovation of 18 labs in the Science Building. The renovation of Sandison Hall is nearing completion. Facilities Management has put together a [description of the projects](#) along with a [map](#) that shows the impact on traffic patterns. Please note that funding for these projects is coming from federal and state funding restricted to capital improvements and auxiliary funding from residential life and HMSU.

Good luck with the end of the semester.

Sincerely,

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President