

Staff Council Newsletter

STAFF COUNCIL... YOUR VOICE!

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Parking privatization, strategic planning, Board of Trustees meeting, Reaccreditation... Where do I start? A confluence of these events has had the Staff Council working tirelessly to make your voice heard, and I would like to take a few minutes of your time to summarize what we know and where we are currently.

I will start with Parking Privatization. I attended the IU Board of Trustees meeting in October. During the faculty address to the Trustees, Carolyn Calloway-Thomas, IU Bloomington Faculty Council President, expressed the Bloomington faculty's concerns about parking privatization and made it clear to the Trustees that the IUB faculty was against parking privatization. I was appreciative of the concern expressed by the Faculty Council for the staff and applaud the relationship that we share with the faculty. Carolyn said it best, *"Indiana University has a wonderful relationship with its employees and staff. While never reduced to a number on a balance sheet, the good relationship has a high monetary value. In fact, IU employees often accept less upfront pay precisely because they feel they are "paid" in other ways. From the days of Chancellor Herman Wells and before, big parts of this "pay" are linked to a beautiful sense of "community" at IU."* Read a summary of the Bloomington Faculty Council address to the Board of Trustees [here](#). On October 23, the IUB Professional Council sent a [white paper](#) to the Board of Trustees enumerating six concerns of the Bloomington professional staff. The underlying principle behind these concerns is that the Bloomington professional staff believes that privatization is not in the best interests of the quality of life of IUB staff.

Now for an update on where we are in the privatization process. During the Finance and Audit Committee meeting on October 11, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (IU) Neil Theobald, Treasurer (IU) Mary Frances

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