

Dean's Report for December 11, 2001 Faculty Senate Meeting

Budget Condition

The budget of the Indiana University may be cut by more than \$37M if Governor's proposed plans are implemented. Out of this, \$12M will be for technology reduction, \$13M reduction in Repair and Renovation (R&R) funds, and \$12M cut in the base-operating budget. In addition, \$19M reduction in technology and R&R funds will be a rollover on deferral. The base budget cut for IUPUI will be around \$2.5M. Our School's share of that base cut is \$150K.

Additional details will be forthcoming as the legislative session starts in January 2002. The Budgetary Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate will meet this week to look at the possible alternatives for our School.

Update on Purdue University Strategic Plans

The discussions are continuing on the Plans submitted by the two Purdue Schools at IUPUI. Our School will now be working on putting together credible and supporting documentation about the need for expanded graduate engineering programs at IUPUI to include initiation of doctorate programs in electrical and computer engineering and mechanical engineering.

ConnectTech 2001 at IUPUI

On December 6, 2001, IUPUI opened the campus to all business and industry in and around Indianapolis for a glimpse of its capabilities and partnership opportunities in Information technology, advanced manufacturing, and health science areas. Well-attended event attracted many organizations to visit the exhibits and demonstrations at the University Place Conference Center. The keynote speaker in the morning was CEO and President of VIFI Mike Winter, 2002 Chair of our Dean's Industrial Advisory Council. He highlighted the [CyberLab@VIFI](#) partnership as a successful model for businesses and university to follow. The luncheon speaker was Michael McRobbie, Vice President and Chief Information Officer for Indiana University. He noted that the Indiana University and specifically IUPUI was well equipped in information technology area to enter any type of partnership and business and industries would be interested in.

Our own Teresa Bennett served as the Co-Chair of ConnectTech along with Kim Manlove from the campus administration. Congratulations go to both for excellent organization and conduct of the day. The faculty, staff, and students of CyberLab, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Computer Graphics Technology, and Computer Graphics from our School participated with exhibits, presentations, and hosting the event.

School Publications

The 2000-01 Annual Report of the School is now available. As we have started an expanded and twice yearly version of the Dimensions, magazine published by the School Alumni Association, the Annual Report is now thinner and a bit more modest to reduce the cost of publishing and mailing.

A new four-page newsletter, Ingeniator, came out two weeks ago to highlight the research, scholarship, and creative activities in the School. There will be a spring 2002 issue coming out by next March.

Academic Programs

Our new degree program proposal, Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering (BSBME) is now in the Purdue University approval process. The implementation date will be the fall semester of 2004.

The preliminary data from the IUPUI Office of the Registrar indicate that our school has an increase of 6.2% in student credit hours for spring 2002 as compared to spring 2001 semester this time last year. It appears that all of our degree programs showed enrollment increases.

Staff News

We are sorry to see that Teresa Bennett will leave our School at the end of December 2001 to start a new position as Director of Strategic Planning and Communication at the Center for Education and Research in Information Assurance and Security (CERIAS) of Purdue University, W. Lafayette. We thank her for her excellent service to our School in areas of recruitment and publicity.

The School family grew in size, as Lisa Hickman Lause is a proud mother of twin girls. Congratulations and well wishes go to Lisa and Darren.

Events

The Annual Holiday at the Children's Museum event will be on Wednesday, December 12, 2001 from 6:30 pm until 9:00 pm. The IUPUI Alumni Association, the organizer of the event during the past three years, expects several hundreds alumni, faculty, staff, and their families from many IUPUI schools to attend.

The School Holiday Party will be on Wednesday, December 19, 2001 at the University Place Hotel from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. We hope that all of our faculty and staff members will have an opportunity to take a break from their busy work schedules and celebrate the coming holidays with our retired faculty and staff who are invited as well.

Our Spring 2002 Faculty and Staff Convocation will be on Thursday, January 3, 2002 at 10:00 am in ET 202. All faculty and staff members were sent invitation letters.

Building Security

Both the ET and SL Buildings will be closed from Friday, December 21, 2001 at 5:00 pm until January 2, 2002 7:00 am for security reasons. If you spend any time in the School during the holidays, please make sure that the offices and the laboratories that you use are locked before you leave the building as there has been many burglaries in both buildings during the holidays.