

Dean's Report for November 13, 2001 Faculty Senate Meeting

Purdue University Strategic Plans

The review and approval of the strategic planning documents prepared by the IUPUI task force from our School and the School of Science have been delayed. The issues raised by Purdue University, W. Lafayette administration will be addressed in a series of meetings before the end of the semester.

CyberLab Open House at VIFI

An industry-school partnership was initiated last spring between the Cyber Lab under the leadership of Ali Jafari from our school and VIFI President Mike Winter. On October 29, 2001, Open House was held to celebrate this partnership where Chancellor Bepko presented Mike Winter with a plaque to be displayed at VIFI in the presence of 16 new CyberLab@VIFI interns, university faculty and staff, VIFI staff and guests

Groundbreaking

A new building to house the IUPUI components of UITs and the School of Informatics at the corner of Martin Luther King Jr. Street and Michigan Street will soon be a reality with a groundbreaking ceremony on October 16, 2001. Our School hopes to occupy most of the space that UITs will vacate from the basement of ET Building.

Graduate Showcase

Several of our graduate students and faculty participated in IUPUI Graduate Showcase on October 26, 2001 where research projects of graduate students were displayed and the students themselves presented some of them.

Technology Retreat

Campus administration organized a two-day workshop at Legacy Foundation in Carmel on October 17-18 to address the issue of distance learning. Several of our invited faculty members attended the retreat and contributed to the workshop with their experience in distributed learning.

Administrative Reviews

There will be two administrative reviews in the School this year. The Committee to review Nasser Paydar as Associate Dean for Academic Programs is chaired by Stephen Hundley and the members of the Committee are Jie Chen, Mark Grove, Ginger Jessop, Pam May, Ken Rennels, and Charles Yokomoto. Akin Ecer chairs the Committee to conduct the administrative review of Greg Smith as the Director of Computer Network

Center and the Committee members are Chul Soo Kim, James Kippenbrock, Rich Pfile, Jeff Sears, Janis Stevens, and Russ Eberhart. Both committees are expected to complete the reviews and submit the final reports by late spring 2002.

Faculty Recognition

Charles Yokomoto was given American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) Education Research Methods (ERM) Division Distinguished Service Award. It was presented at the 2001 Frontiers in Education Conference in Reno, NV.

Zina Ben Miled received an additional \$250,000 research funds from Eli Lilly and Company for her continuing project BACIIS.

Razi Nalim received \$14,943 seed research funds for his proposal "Wave Rotor Engine for Space Propulsion" from Blue Operations, LLC to perform a preliminary design of a critical experiment needed to verify fundamental processes in a combustion wave rotor, in the period October 2001 to March 2002.

Ken Rennels was elected to be a board member for Engineering Technology Leadership Institute, which is a national organization for engineering technology administrators.

Staff Recognition

Four of our staff members reached milestones of 20 years or more service with IUPUI. Ron Kelly has been with our School for 20 years, Sally Manion and Pam May for 25 years each, and Jim Cowan served IUPUI for 35 years. On November 2, we recognized them with a reception in ET 324. They were also recognized at the campus ceremony on November 6, 2001. Congratulations to all four and we want to say "thank you" for their long and dedicated service.

Abe Max in Town

Our School arranged a luncheon for Professor and Chair Emeritus Abe Max stopped at Indianapolis on October 17 as part of his annual visit to USA. Many of our retired faculty members and their spouses were able to join the luncheon and reminisce the "38th Street Days" of our programs as they were recorded on video towards the 30th Anniversary celebration program for our School and the School of Science in 2002.

Reception for Purdue Faculty

Chancellor Gerald Bepko and Purdue University President Martin Jishcki gave a reception on October 18, 2001 for all Purdue mission faculty on IUPUI. President Jishcki announced some of the new initiatives to take place at W. Lafayette campus.

Scholarship Luncheon

Gene Glick Scholarship holders from our School and the Kelley School of Business gathered on October 26, 2001 for the annual luncheon. Mr. Glick, his foundation staff members and representatives from both school joined. Chris Carr of the Department of Construction Technology was our 2001 Gene Glick scholarship winner.