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PROGRAM FOR ENERGY CONSERVATION AND ECONOMIC AWARENESS: CHANCELLOR IRWIN

Working under stringent budgetary limitations in recent years, IUPUI divisions and departments have achieved remarkable progress despite our varied restrictions. I commend all of you for your efforts.

However, the current energy crisis is apparent to us all. It is clear that further steps to conserve energy will be essential. In addition, some economic benefits can be realized, with resulting opportunities to use such savings for other, critically needed purposes.

An ad hoc committee of IUPUI, with faculty, staff, and student members, has developed several preliminary recommendations. Although circumstances may alter future decisions, some specific actions are needed now. I am therefore announcing, for IUPUI, a Program for Energy Conservation and Economic Awareness.

Initial concentration will be on our utility costs, which annually amount to some \$2,000,000. A preliminary survey indicates that selective measures for conservation could result in annual savings of more than \$100,000. With technical assistance from staff members in the Physical Plant, appropriate steps are now being implemented. These represent an intensification of cost-cutting procedures that have been under way for a number of months. Your understanding and support will be appreciated, as we face somewhat cooler indoor temperatures and other conditions associated with the program.

To plan and expedite the program in a coordinated manner, I will appoint an ongoing committee to assist the Office of the Chancellor.

The following initial steps will be taken to begin implementation of the program:

1. To the extent that the procedure can be managed, with exceptions for hospital rooms, clinics, and similar facilities, temperatures are to be reduced to 68 degrees during the winter months.
2. The temperature of hot water, where feasible, is to be reduced to 120 degrees or less.
3. All University motor vehicles, with exceptions for security officers in the course of their duties, are to be limited to a maximum speed of 50 miles per hour. Review of the use of university vehicles will also be undertaken.
4. Plans to encourage and support car-pooling by faculty, staff, and students will be developed, including consideration of incentives.
5. All buildings in which heat is not essential will be winterized and not heated. Buildings, or portions of buildings, requiring minimum heat will be studied, with the objective of further lowering of temperatures.

6. Studies will be made of scheduled use of buildings, to consolidate class sessions and other activities where possible. The vacated facilities will offer more possibilities for decreased heating.
7. All decorative lighting not essential for safety and security will be reduced or eliminated, with the latter option preferred.
8. Parking lot lighting will be studied, with a goal of eliminating some lights or changing lighting schedules, consistent with maintenance of adequate safety and security.
9. The feasibility of zoned heating will be studied for each building, so that selected sections of a building could be closed during certain periods.
10. During night clean-up operations in classrooms, offices, and other facilities, Building Service personnel are to use lights only in working areas, turning off lights in the remainder of buildings.
11. Desks, drapes, or other items that block heating registers will be moved to maximize air circulation and heating economy.
12. In public areas, including lobbies and corridors, lighting will be reduced where possible, observing Federal minimum standards.
13. Christmas decorations will exclude the use of electrical power.
14. A system of individual on-site Building Committees will be established to study, building by building, the potential for energy conservation and economic awareness.
15. A communications program will be initiated, to include posters, reminder stickers on lighting switches and water faucets, use of internal campus publications, and other means for encouraging general participation in the program.
16. A study will be made of the holiday and vacation periods to consider economies deriving from more standardization of scheduling.

Further, I am recommending that all faculty, staff and students increase their sensitivity to the conservation of all utilities and the economic benefits of exercising prudent management of resources. In addition, I encourage all members of the university community to consider car pools, to limit speeds in personal cars to 50 miles per hour, and to stress energy conservation in their own homes.

While these measures require limited sacrifice, I ask that all members of the faculty, staff and student body support this effort to conserve energy and develop attitudes of economic awareness.

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