From the Desk of the Chancellor, Dec. 12, 2011

As part of the follow-through for Indiana University's New Academic Directions project, the IUPUI Survey Research Center distributed an e-mail request for participation with the subject line, "Health Science Campus Survey." I urge all who receive it to take time to offer your views.

The survey is meant to elicit the perspectives of IUB and IUPUI faculty members on the possibility of creating a separate health science campus-not geographically, but in terms of governance, finance, and administration. The schools involved are dentistry, medicine, nursing, health and rehabilitation sciences, optometry, public health, health/physical education/recreation, and social work.

It is important to know that the context for this survey is exploratory. It is based on a recommendation to "assess the feasibility" of such a reorganization that was made by the New Academic Directions committee, which I cochaired with IUB Provost Karen Hanson. We were responding to a charge from President McRobbie that IU needs to "periodically review and reassess [academic] structures to ensure they are of the highest quality, that they best serve the broad mission of the University, and that they function in the most efficient and effective ways."

The full 95-page New Academic Directions report is online, and the proposal to study the pros and cons of a health science campus is presented on page 21.

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