

IFC President's Report

5 April 2016

Please accept my apologies for missing today's meeting.

It's the time of the academic year (AY) in which committee reports become due in order to plan for the new AY. As often happens, those reports tend to be pushed toward the last possible date and, hence, in order to vote on committee motions, it's necessary to hold a second **IFC meeting in April—April 19, 2016**—at 3:00 p.m. in Campus Center 409. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

The work of two committees has just begun. The chancellor reported on the **welcoming initiative** which Interim Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer Kathy Johnson is chairing. The committee met last week to start planning for and coordinating this work by several task forces. System-wide, the steering committee for the **bicentennial celebration committee** has begun its work. It has become apparent that, while celebrating the 200-year mark for the university as a whole, the opportunity for the IUPUI campus arises from its celebration of reaching 50 years. This benchmark will be used to find ways that underscore and showcase IUPUI's commitment to engage with our community—on and off campus.

The campus had a **severe weather drill** in March—a training that differs from the regularly-scheduled fire drills but which is comparably important. Interim Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration Camy Broeker is coordinating with the wardens in the many buildings across campus and the emergency team on campus to gather and review reports and to revise instructions and procedures for the next drill (I hope) rather than the need for knowing what to do in earnest. I do want to emphasize here that faculty are responsible for the safety of the students in their respective classrooms and offices at the time of the drill and need to ensure they know the instructions and follow the appropriate procedures. This can be complicated if a test is taking place, for example, but staying in place is not an option. Safety is important to all members of the campus community, and the faculty needs to play its role—for their own safety as well as that of students, staff, and visitors.

Most of you know our colleagues who serve on the **campus promotion and tenure committee** typically conclude their service each year with a “post-mortem” review (maybe another name would be better) that results in the revisions of the campus guidelines. This year a broader conversation is taking place between the administration and the faculty in order not only to improve the administrative process of reviewing P&T dossiers but also to **identify those issues that indicate misalignment between academic unit policies and procedures and campus guidelines**. I want to take this opportunity to thank the committee for its service and especially Gail Williamson who did double duty by being involved with the administration of the process as well as chairing the committee.

Attached to today's agenda were two circulars that address the **role of NTT faculty**. I urge you to read them carefully and contribute to the discussion about this issue at the April 19th meeting. I would like to add that this meeting is preceded by IUPUI's **Holocaust Day of Remembrance** in the CE Theatre.

I would like to conclude with extending an invitation to all faculty to attend the **commencement in the Lucas Oil Stadium on May 8, 2016**—a new venue and an opportunity to show to our students we do well in celebrating their success in reaching the goal of graduation.

With **thanks** to the vice president for reading my report and best wishes for a smooth conclusion to the spring 2016 semester,

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