

Metropolitan Affairs Committee
February 26, 2009
Meeting Minutes

Present: Teresa Bennett; Lorraine Blackman (Chairperson); Jeffrey Crabtree; and Charles Feldhaus

Lorraine Blackman called meeting to order, minutes from previous meeting were approved as distributed. Jeffrey Crabtree agreed to record the minutes.

Lorraine Blackman reminded those present that her term of office expires June 2009, and that the committee will need a new chairperson.

Lorraine Blackman encouraged all committee members to attend the The IUPUI Center for Service and Learning **5th Annual Civic Engagement Showcase**, which will be held **Tuesday, April 7th** from 4:30-6:30 pm in the University Place Hotel Ballroom, 850 West Michigan Street. This event will highlight Civic Engagement activities of IUPUI faculty, students, and staff in partnership with the Indianapolis community. She encouraged committee members to learn more about this event and register for the event by going to: <http://csl.iupui.edu/Events/eventsRegistration.asp?id=1514> or by contacting **Dawn Rodney**, Projects Coordinator. **IUPUI Center for Service and Learning**, 801 W. Michigan Street, BS 2010. Indianapolis, IN 46202, Phone: 317.278.2662. Fax: 317.278.7683, drodney@iupui.edu.

Teresa Bennett distributed materials and presented information about the IUPUI Solution Center. She offered an overview of the Center's goals and a number of the Center's strategies for meeting those goals. Teresa announced that the Center recently received a renewal grant from the Lilly Endowment, which will help the Center to continue providing partnership opportunities among, IUPUI faculty, students, researchers and community non-profit organizations, industry, business, and others. She emphasized the importance for all University units to provide the Center with information about that will help the Center link community and faculty and develop partnerships.

As part of our charge to monitor civic engagement activities on behalf of the IUPUI Faculty Council, the committee discussed ways to support the efforts of the Solution Center. Charles Feldhaus identified the STEM Initiative as one example of a campus initiative the Metropolitan Affairs committee and the Solution Center might support. The committee decided to have the STEM Initiative as the topic of its meeting on March 23rd.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

Minutes submitted by Jeffrey L. Crabtree 3/4/2009.