

## **Council on Lifelong Learning Annual Report 2006-07**

The 2006-07 Council on Lifelong Learning continued to work on several important issues during its second year. The work of the Council was conducted through two general meetings, focused meetings of General Studies Advisory Committee and other smaller discussions throughout the year. These issues included:

- Continuing the development of the General Studies degrees and support for adult learners as recommended in the 2004-05 Program Review;
- Developing the concept and pilot for an accelerated 12-week format program for degree completion in collaboration with academic programs in schools;
- Identifying initiatives for continuing education units (including institutes or centers with outreach components) at IUPUI to collaborate on increased program opportunities for lifelong learners and efficiency and effectiveness of delivery.

### **Summary of Council's 2005-06 Charge from Chancellor Bantz and Dean Plater**

The Council will advocate and champion policy issues and good practices that impact adult learners at IUPUI focusing on four primary areas of responsibility:

- (1) Provide academic oversight of the General Studies undergraduate degree program;
- (2) Advise on the development of accelerated programs, weekend college, online learning, prior learning assessment and related support services to retain and graduate adult learners;
- (3) Promote continuing education and professional development (non-credit) opportunities available through the Community Learning Network and enhancing collaboration between all IUPUI continuing education units; and
- (4) Coordinate with the Councils on Enrollment Management, Retention & Graduation, and Civic Engagement in the recruitment and retention of adult students.

### **Accomplishments in 2006-07**

- General Studies Faculty Advisory Committee met within this revised format as part of the Council for Lifelong Learning to address Program Review recommendations and program policy issues (see specifics below).
- Supported the proposed accelerated degree program managed by CLN for start-up in 2007-08. The initial program will include the BGS degree with options for students to complete one these three certificates: Business Foundations Certificate (Kelley School of Business), Case Management Certificate (School of Social Work), or Events Management Certificate (Physical Education and Tourism Management).
- Continued promotion of lifelong learning with a featured space focusing on lifelong learning and listing of 20 selected continuing education programs with URLs in the Fall 2006 and Spring 2007 "SignUp" catalogs published by the Continuing Studies Department in the Community Learning Network (CLN).

## Summary of Meetings during 2006-07

- 1) September 27, 2006 - This meeting included reviewing and discussing the Council's charge and direction for the year and updates from Amanda Helman on the progress of academic initiatives in General Studies based on the 2005-06 Program Review. Continued progress in developing the alternative calendar for accelerated courses was also reported by James Johnson. The General Studies Advisory Committee also held a brief organizational meeting.
- 2) April 26, 2007 – This meeting focused on the ramifications of the closing of the IUPUI Service Center at Glendale Mall and developments at the Carmel Lifelong Learning Center. There was considerable discussion about plans to development new outreach centers around Marion County. It was noted that it is important for the Schools and their academic departments to plan a coherent program of course offerings at the off-campus centers. The opportunity to use off-campus centers for non-credit and contract education was also discussed as a welcome alternative to the costs of using commercial venues and the problems with space availability on campus.

### Other discussion topics included:

- Distance education courses available and the different tuition rates charged by various IUPUI schools.
  - Continuing education (non-credit) courses delivered via distance education by various schools.
  - Sponsoring a discussion with all IUPUI continuing education (non-credit) providers in late summer 2007 to focus on common issues and opportunities.
- 3) The General Studies Advisory Committee completed these items of business:
    - Voted to revise the Constitution for the IUPUI General Studies Faculty. Work will begin in fall 2007.
    - Decided to expand faculty representation to all schools and select graduate and professional programs.
    - Implemented two additional Degree requirements effective Fall 2006 (in collaboration with the School of Continuing Studies Faculty Council). Students will select 3 credit hour courses from a list of identified courses to fulfill a Diversity requirement and a second writing course.
    - Explored ways to improve student service through technology like Breeze and IM advising

Copies of the full minutes of these meetings available from Linda Stein, CLN.

Respectfully submitted, Henry S. Merrill  
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