From the Desk of the Chancellor, June 27, 2011

Plans are under way to establish an Intergroup Dialogue at IUPUI, and I invite all faculty, staff, and students on campus to learn more and become involved in this new forum for learning about diversity and social justice. The broader your participation in this effort campuswide, the more progress can be made in creating a campus climate that leads to improved student success and recruitment and retention of diverse faculty and staff in our academic community.

The Program on Intergroup Relations at the University of Michigan, the oldest Intergroup Dialogue program in American higher education, is the model for our initiative. Facilitators from the Michigan group will be on hand for a two-day workshop to explore how Intergroup Dialogue can be established at IUPUI.

Save these dates:
DATES:Tuesday, August 9, and Wednesday, August 10, 2011
TIME: 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
PLACE: Campus Center Room 450C

For information on this program and how to be added to the Oncourse project site, please contact Sandy Stone at sastone@iupui.edu or 317-274-4438. The Office of Training and Organization Development, part of IUPUI's Human Resources Administration, is organizing the workshops and will provide more details as they become available.

The Michigan Program on Intergroup Relations has received recognitions by the White House’s Initiative on Race, the U.S. Department of Education's Gender Equity Expert Panel, the American Association of Higher Education, the American College Personnel Association, the National Association of Student Personnel, and the Theodore M. Hesburgh Awards Program of TIAA-CREF.

Attending the August 9-10 workshops will allow our campus community to learn from Michigan's well-established program as well as explore what teaching/learning interactions best fit the IUPUI campus. Participants in the workshops will actively engage in exercises and discussions of case studies that have direct application in classroom, workplace, and community settings.

Comments? Write chancllr@iupui.edu.