

## From the Desk of the Chancellor – May 14

After an extensive national search, I'm pleased to announce the appointment of Nasser Paydar as IUPUI's next executive vice chancellor, effective June 15, pending approval by the Trustees of Indiana University. Nasser, who has been a member of our faculty in mechanical engineering since 1985, has most recently served as chancellor of IU East. He succeeds Uday Sukhatme, who will become provost at Pace University.

Since Nasser joined our faculty, he has risen through the ranks as a faculty member and held various administrative positions including department chair, associate dean, executive associate dean, and vice chancellor at IUPUC. He has held his current position as IU East's chancellor since 2007.

At IU East, Paydar implemented a campus strategic plan that focused on enrollment growth, academic excellence, reputation-building, and resource enhancement. He developed a new business model to generate new revenues and strategies to control costs. He led an image makeover to attract top high school students and implemented online programming to expand reach and attract out-of-state students, while promoting academic excellence and nurturing faculty growth. Notably, under Paydar's tenure, student enrollment increased 68 percent.

Nasser is a well-respected leader and brings a strong record of administrative and academic accomplishments to IUPUI. His collaborative leadership style and approach will not only benefit our students, faculty and staff, but the greater Indianapolis community.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank Uday Sukhatme for his service and dedication to IUPUI. Since 2006, he has played an instrumental role in developing an academic plan to enhance research, service, and campus resources at IUPUI, and has truly provided a strong foundation for future growth. My thanks also to Dean Bill Blomquist, who chaired the search committee, and all the committee members, who identified extremely talented individuals for our consideration.

Please join me in welcoming Nasser back to IUPUI and thanking Uday for his years of service.

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