

# Dean's Update

## January - February 2009

Happy New Year and welcome back to the second semester of the 2008-2009 academic year. I hope you had a nice holiday and 2009 is off to a good start for you.

One of the things on my agenda for this semester is to implement one of the initiatives we discussed last semester. We agreed that bi-monthly updates from my office will be an effective method of keeping everyone – faculty, staff, students, graduates, and friends – abreast of activities in the school and news about faculty and student involvement in local, national, and international research/scholarship and service-learning activities. All updates will be distributed via email and posted on the school's Website. I invite you to provide feedback on ways to make this informative and accessible. If you see something in this update or in any future updates that you want to comment on, please send me an email at [aagho@iupui.edu](mailto:aagho@iupui.edu) or call me on 317-274-4702. Also, if you know of somebody who might be interested in receiving the Dean's updates, please ask them to send me an email. I will gladly add them to our mailing list.

### New Website

We have been working with Christopher Brown, Web Specialist – Office of Communications and Marketing, for the past couple of weeks to create a new website for our school and to update the postings on our current website. We anticipate that the updates and the creation of the new website will be completed by the end of March 2009. Kaitlin Bell has been instrumental in coordinating this task. In order to maintain and keep the website current, we are in the process of making arrangement for Brian McKinley, a graduate student at IUPUI, to be our Webmaster.

### Support for Diversity Initiatives

I am delighted that faculty has voted to establish the Diversity Committee as a standing committee in SHRS. This is a clear demonstration of our commitment to working on our diversity goals. Dr. Kenneth Durgans, Assistant Chancellor for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion has provided us with \$7500.00 to support our diversity initiatives. I anticipate that the Diversity Council will prioritize and allocate funds to implement our tasks for this academic year.

### Distinguished Alumni Award

We are working with the Office of Alumni Relations to establish a Distinguished Alumni award to recognize alumni of the School of Health and [Rehabilitation](#) Sciences. The Criteria for the award should be finalized by or before February 14, 2009. We will need your assistance in identifying outstanding alumni for this award. The 2009 award will be presented on May, 16, 2009.

### Certificate Programs

The Academic Studies and Research Development Committee has revised and approved the proposed [undergraduate](#) certificates in Global Health and Rehabilitation Studies, Rehabilitation and Disability Studies, and Gerontology. The proposals have been submitted to Dr. Uday Sukhatme, Executive Vice Chancellor and Dean of Faculties for his review and action. We have been informed that the APPC will meet on March 6, 2009 to consider the proposals. We are now working on the graduate certificates in the same areas and anticipate that the proposals will be ready for submission to Dr. Sukhatme and the Graduate School by the end of March 2009. Many thanks to Dr. Mac Kinnon for coordinating this effort.

## News from the Departments

### The Department of Health Sciences

- The PhD in Health and Rehabilitation Sciences accepted it's charter class of 6 students in Fall 2008
- Dr. Agho has been appointed to the Clarian – [Education](#) & Research Committee. He has also accepted an invitation from The Indiana Health Care Association to join their Policy Institute and Health Literacy Committee.
- Dr. MacKinnon recently accepted the invitation to serve on the editorial board of the international journal [Nursing](#) and Health Sciences
- Ms. Kristine Miller, PhD student will be presenting a poster at the International Stroke Conference in San Diego in February 2009. The title of the poster is Adherence with Home Exercise [Programs](#) 1-6 Months After Discharge from Physical Therapy by Individuals Post Stroke and reflects the thesis she wrote for her degree of Master of Science in Therapeutic Outcomes Research awarded by the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences in 2008.

### The Department of Nutrition and Dietetics

- Dr. Judy Ernst is back from Kenya Africa. Her research project is going well. She plans to return to Africa sometime this spring. Dr. Ernst will be joining the AIDS, Clinical Studies, & Epidemiology Section at the NIH to review R01s and R21s in San Diego, California March 5th and 6th.
- Ms. Deborah Abel joined the Department of Nutrition and Dietetics as a visiting lecturer. She will be working with Dr. Karyl Rickard on Leadership Education Excellence in Pediatric Nutrition training grant supported by the Maternal Child Health Bureau. Deb replaces Dr. Sue Brady who retired in December.

### The Department of Occupational Therapy

- Drs. Everly, Schmid and Scott have had papers/posters accepted for AOTA Conference in Houston this April.
- Dr. Fisher will be the recipient of the 2009 Lindy Boggs Award at AOTA Conference for his leadership and advocacy efforts in getting occupational therapists licensed in Indiana. The Lindy Boggs Award is named after Congresswoman Lindy Boggs, the former congressional democratic representative from Louisiana. It is a competitive peer-reviewed award given by the AOTA annually. It was first given in 1982 to recognize the significant contributions by an occupational therapist who has actively promoted occupational therapy education in the political arena.
- Dr. Liu received a research support funds grant from the university in December (award amount \$24,876-pending on IRB approval). The one-year grant will support Dr. Liu's work on examining the effect of text cohesion on comprehension of colorectal cancer screening written information.
- Sharon Pape, MS, OTR is the Interim Academic Fieldwork Coordinator effective January 2009
- Dr. Arlene Schmid co-authored and published the article mentioned below with Occupational Therapy Students.

**Schmid A**, Butterbaugh L, Egolf C, Richards G, Williams LS. Prevention of secondary stroke in VA: Role of occupational and physical therapists. *Journal of Rehabilitation Research and Development*, 45(7), 1019-1026, 2008.

- Drs. Justiss and Scott have had papers accepted for the 22nd Midwest Dan's Conference at University of Iowa to be held March 6 & 7, 2009

### The Department of Physical Therapy

- Dr. Amy Bayliss, Amanda Whitaker (3rd year DPT student), and Leann Edwards (3rd year DPT student), had their research proposal accepted for presentation at the 2009 SoTL Commons International Conference
- The Hawthorne Community Center honored the IU DPT students and Dr. Amy Bayliss for their dedicated service in December 2008.
- Dr. Warden and several DPT students had their research paper accepted for print in 'Bone'.

Warden SJ, Komatsu DE, Rydberg J, Hassett SM, Bond JL: Recombinant human parathyroid hormone (PTH 1-34) and low-intensity pulsed ultrasound have additive contrasting effects during fracture healing. Bone (in press)

- Dr. Fuchs latest paper was accepted for print in the prestigious Journal of Bone and Mineral Research

Fuchs RK, Phipps RJ, Burr DB: Recovery of trabecular and cortical bone turnover following discontinuation of risedronate and alendronate therapy in ovariectomized rats. Journal of Bone and Mineral Research 2008;23:1689-1697

- Professor Loghmani, Professor Strunk, and Dr. Bayliss will be presenting an educational seminar at the Physical Therapy Combined Sections Conference in February on the department's use of the Case Family Framework and its application in ethical education of DPT students.
- Professor Strunk, through diligence and perseverance, was able to secure an internship contract with the Physical Therapy Department and the Indiana Pacers.
- Dr. Warden and Dr. Fuchs were both finalists for Indy's Best and Brightest for 2008.

## Upcoming events

- Department of Nutrition and Dietetics

SHRS N591 Nutrition Seminar  
Gisela Betz  
**The role of Probiotics in Diarrhea Prevention**  
February 2, 2009

Brenda Beben  
**Alternative Methods of Blood Glucose Monitoring**  
February 9, 2009

Abby Kraus  
**The Role of Vitamin C in Asthma Treatment**  
February 16, 2009

Rachel E Miller  
**Organic vs Non-organic Foods**  
February 23, 2009

- SHRS Alumni Association

Alumni Board Meeting  
Saturday, February 14, 2009  
Alumni Office 9:00 AM

2009 Marquette Challenge

Friday, March 06, 2009 – Saturday, March 07, 2009 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Ruth Lilly Auditorium in Riley Outpatient Center 702 Barnhill Dr

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