

4E. Space issues: Capital resources: Possible matching program between the State of Indiana and donors could be attractive. Is this a possibility? Committee: Sheila Kennedy*, Gene Tempel, Gail Plater, John Hoffman.

Current status:

- A 2004 CASE [Council for Advancement and Support of Education] report and a 2002 AGB [Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges] report studied government matching fund programs. These efforts are described as “persuasive examples of public-private partnerships, which contribute significantly to the development of innovative funding models for post-secondary institutions”. Such matching fund programs have been successfully tried in about 25 states, usually for building endowment.

Recommendations/suggestions:

- This action item was quite focused. It was possible to identify a number of state matching grant programs, which should be useful for our government affairs office to determine whether to pursue such legislative action in Indiana.
- Any determination of the feasibility of such an initiative will depend upon a number of conditions: the state’s fiscal prospects, the identity of those in positions of legislative leadership and their position on funding for higher education in general and IUPUI in particular, and similar items of “political calculus.”
- If a determination is made to go forward with such an effort, the CASE and AGP reports should provide a good picture of the range of such programs elsewhere, the amounts of support they have generated, and the nature of educational activities (faculty support, student scholarships, capital projects, etc.) to which those funds have been directed. Most such programs support general endowments for outstanding faculty hires or student scholarships.

Implementation:

- Implementation is specifically left to the discretion of the office of government affairs, which will weigh the political factors involved.
- A relatively strong economy and the start of a fundraising campaign provide good opportunities to test whether the legislature would consider state matching.

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Re: Report Summary Sheet

1. Current status of action item

- research completed
- results attached

2. Recommendations/suggestions

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- If a determination is made to go forward with such an effort, the attached reports should provide a good picture of the range of such programs elsewhere, the amounts of support they have generated, and the nature of educational activities (faculty support, student scholarships, capital projects, etc.) to which those funds have been directed. Most such programs support general endowments or faculty.

3. Implementation

- Unlike many other Action Teams, our assignment was focused upon the research question: what programs exist, and how do they operate? Implementation was specifically to be left to the discretion of the office of government affairs, which will weigh the political factors involved. Accordingly, we do not address implementation.