

## Academic Planning—University Faculty Club in Indianapolis

### Background of the Faculty Club

The University Faculty Club in Indianapolis, Inc (UFCI), was established by IUPUI faculty in 1988. Its purpose is to provide a convivial meeting place for member faculty and staff from all schools of all accredited Indiana universities and colleges. Current members include full-time and adjunct faculty and staff of IUPUI, IU-Bloomington, and Purdue University at West Lafayette, as well as retirees from such institutions.

The UFCI is governed by a Board of Directors elected from a slate drawn from all IUPUI schools. Directors serve three-year terms. Each year they choose from among their membership a Chair who also serves as President of the UFCI. In addition, the Directors elect a Vice-President, a Treasurer, and a Secretary.

Standing and Special Committees related to the activities of the Club are created by the Board of Directors.

### Facilities

The UFCI operates in the Club Room, IP 200, on the second floor of the University Place Conference Center at 850 West Michigan Street on the IUPUI Campus. The Club Room seats 40 luncheon guests. Hot buffet luncheon service is offered between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Members can make lunch reservations a day or more in advance by email at [facclub@iupui.edu](mailto:facclub@iupui.edu) or by calling the Club Manager at 274-7014. However, we also welcome telephone reservations for the same day, as well as walk-in customers on a space-available basis.

Meals are charged to club members and billed monthly, but meals may also be charged to your JAGTAG and major credit cards. The Club usually closes in accordance with the University's holiday schedule.

The UFCI Club Room is available to members for private functions for UFCI constituents. The room can accommodate 50 individuals for theater-style seating and up to 75 for stand-up functions. Members may reserve the Club for any time Monday through Friday before 10:00 a.m. or after 6:00 p.m., or for any time on weekends or University holidays. The member reserving the room must be in attendance at the function. Members may also book functions in the UFCI between 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. weekdays, with ten days' notice and reservations of at least 35 individuals.

Reservations for the Club Room are made on a "first-come" basis. Club members may book the room for one occasion per year at a reduced member rate.

The current space is in a number of ways inadequate. It is located quite far from the kitchens so food needs to be transported some distance every day. It is located off the "beaten track" on the second floor between the hotel and the conference center. The long,

narrow space does not lend itself to flexible use. Appended to this document is the proposal submitted to Vice-chancellor Bob Martin in which the Club Board proposes utilizing more centrally located space in the old Food Court area as soon as it is available.

We have an agreement for reciprocal memberships with the IU Bloomington Faculty Club. Use of facilities there as well as discounts at the Memorial Union restaurant are included. This relationship needs to be reviewed and updated.

### Rationale for a Faculty Club at IUPUI

- UFCI provides an attraction for people outside the university
- UFCI is a recruitment tool for new faculty
- UFCI provides ambiance for a major urban university
- UFCI contributes to the building of community within the university
- UFCI contributes to work place balance
- UFCI provides an environment for interdisciplinary discussion
- UFCI creates an environment for intellectual stimulation

### Current Activities

- Reading at the Table: Colleagues present monthly during the semester based on their recent book publication
- Conversation at Tea Time: Monthly get-togethers with campus luminaries in an English tea time environment
- Spring Wine Tasting
- Fall Oktoberfest Beer Tasting
- Coaches Corner—lunch conversations with Jaguar coaches
- Outings to Theatre, Ball Games
- Outings to IUPUI Jaguar games
- Planned for 2007-8: Scholarship at Lunchtime. Monthly presentations of colleagues' scholarly endeavors.

### Strategies for Future

- Renovation and or expansion of facilities to provide a more appealing and inviting environment
- Creation of an effective brochure to inform people of the Club's advantages
- Stronger link to faculty governance, e.g. reception for new faculty
- Create a system of school reps
- Assist in mentoring: free lunch for mentor and mentee
- Expand cooperation with IUB Faculty Club
- Have club open more hours, especially late afternoon for drinks and conversation
- Have more events for members and guests
- Increase PR for Club activities and memberships

### Budgetary Considerations

- Costs for expansion, e.g., in former food court area or in other facility. (Expansion would permit more income to be derived from the Club.)
- Costs for renovation
- Costs for increased PR, Web presence
- Clerical help

## UNIVERSITY FACULTY CLUB IN INDIANAPOLIS

### Report of the House Committee regarding Space Request University Place Hotel

The House Committee met Thursday, March 29, to discuss details of a request for new space in the University Place Hotel for purpose of relocating the current Club facilities. Listed below are proposed definitions and priorities for such reconfigured space.

1. **Opportunity:** The University Faculty Club has not been updated since it was built in 1988, and much work is needed to make the Club representative of the current Campus climate and opportunities for its use to support the academic mission of IUPUI. Inasmuch as space on the first floor of the University Place Hotel is soon to be reconfigured, this should be viewed as an opportunity to move the Club to an area that would provide greater accessibility to IUPUI faculty and staff, and at the same time, put this facility in closer proximity to the food and beverage services of the Hotel. By so doing, it is also an opportunity to expand the use of the Faculty Club by making available to members coffee, tea, wine, beer, cocktails, and snacks in the afternoon and early evening.
2. **Size:** The University Faculty Club should be able to accommodate dining services for 50-60 people, and the shape of the room should enable its use as a multi-purpose facility.
3. **Design:** In addition to the dining component, it should include segregated space that could be furnished as a lounge area for Club members to use during the afternoon and early evening hours for small social gatherings and/or as a quiet place to work, and should include wireless internet access. This lounge area could be conjoined with the dining facility and separated by some type of wall, or could be a separate room.
4. **Dining al fresco:** It is highly desirable that the Club have access to outdoor seating and food service, either in the Hotel courtyard or on the west side of the building. If it were to be the latter, a barrier of some kind—perhaps plantings or fiberglass walls—should be included in the design.
5. **Acoustics:** It is critical that any new space have adequate acoustical barriers for noise absorption so that Club members can eat, meet, and work in surroundings conducive to those endeavors.
6. **Funding:** It is anticipated that improvements and enhancements such as those described herein would enable the University Faculty Club to greatly increase its membership base as well as increase the cost of membership. This would allow

the Club to contribute to the funding of the loan that will finance renovations.

On behalf of the University Faculty Club and its members, the House Committee is pleased to offer this proposal for your consideration.

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