

IUPUC Board of Advisors
May 12, 2021, 12 pm
Zoom @IU

Minutes

Attending: John Burnett, Melinda Engelking DeLap, Melissa Fairbanks, Jackie Franz, Tom Harmon, Edgar Hernandez, Jason Hester, Reinhold Hill, Rick Johnson, Carla Laymon, Jay Lesandrini, Scott McIntyre, Lori Montalbano, Lora Mount, Karen Niverson, Srikanth Padmanabhan, Gil Palmer, Greg Pence, Amy Pettit, Jim Plump, Joan Poulsen, Jim Roberts, Bryan Rushton, Matt Souza, Gregg Summerville, Brenda Vogel, Tom Vujovich

Not Attending: Dave Barker, Julie Bilz, Dave Elwood, Clayton Force, Cindy Frey, Jack Hess, Jim Lienhoop, Daniel Noel

Guests: Staci Glick, Yamileth Martinez, Beth Sharer

Welcome

Tom Harmon

Chairman Tom Harmon welcomes all to the last session of this school year at 12 pm and announces this is his last meeting as chairperson and it's been an honor to weather through the pandemic together and look forward to next school year. He introduces student presenter, Yamileth Martinez. Matt Souza says a few words of introduction on how he met Yamileth when she was a senior at Columbus North H.S. She is deeply involved in the activities of the campus as well as the community.

Student Presentation

Yamileth Martinez

Yamileth is from Veracruz Mexico and has been in Columbus approximately 14+ years. She is a DACA recipient and has been in the BCSC schools since elementary school and is a 2016 Columbus North high school graduate. Currently she is a junior at IUPUC and is an education major who will be graduating in December 2022. Since DACA students do not qualify for financial aid, Yamileth was fortunate in that she received aid from a private donor scholarship. She shares her thoughts on reasons to continue to advocate for the Latinos who are mixed immigrants and citizens as they are still facing barriers such as:

- No immigration reforms that gives us protection
- 8 years in: We have DACA, but we still live in fear knowing DACA could end
- We work and contribute to the community
- I want my entire family to feel safe in the U.S.

Vice Chancellor's Update

Reinhold Hill

- One of our faculty members, Education Division Head, Jenny Conner, passed away last week and the campus has had some challenges confronting that loss. In addition, we want to pass along our condolences to John Burnett at the CEC, on the passing of Tina Snyder who many of us know.
- The current academic year, we have had 67 full-time faculty teaching 159 online courses and 107 hybrid courses and 80 on campus courses. This fall we will offer 60% of our courses with in-person components, 20% full-to-face, and 40% hybrid, and 30% fully online which is near our 2019 offerings. We hope to grow this fall and at the least, maintain our numbers.
- We are on track to end the fiscal year with a positive balance. Last year we did have a fiscal crisis taskforce in which faculty took on an additional course. That will not continue this fall.
- There was a hiring freeze last year which is now over, but we will continue very careful hiring this year.
- The IUPUC Café was closed last year due to the COVID environment. That closing will continue.
- We have asked the campus to rely upon work-study students for part-time employment. The federal government paid 100% for these students last year but for the upcoming year it will be back to normal at 75% paid by the federal government and 25% by the institution.

- As a campus we are going to consolidate the number of copiers/printers down to four which will be strategically placed in the building and we are in the process of that move.
- We are looking at a 1% across the board salary increase for faculty/staff. It may be slightly higher as the IU draft policy allows up to 2%.
- Next fall we are planning face-to-face orientations; more in-person activities; and our classes will return to pre-pandemic configurations aligned with current guidance with 3-feet between seats. Masks will be required and strongly encouraging vaccinations. It is not required at this time but over 300 universities within the U.S. are requiring vaccinations for the fall.
- The IUPUC commencement celebration is tomorrow on campus and as you drive by you may see the red fencing in the parking lot. The stage will be set this afternoon and the event begins at 11 am and is limited to graduates, volunteers, division heads, and selected faculty. All attendees had to be either fully vaccinated two weeks ago or undergone two COVID mitigation tests with negative results within the past 7 days. The last test had to be within 48 hours of the event. The event will be live-streamed.
- We are positioned to have some growth this academic year. During the pandemic year, 2020-2021, we saw a decline in students and hope to reverse that decline. There are two ways we hope to work more closely with the high schools in our region is to expand dual credit opportunities: (1) to explore arrangements to offer STGEC, now known as Indiana College Core Certificates; (2) understand enrollment patterns at IUPUC and plan to address all enrollment streams, including retention efforts, recruiting traditional-aged, transfer, adult, and returning student populations.
- We continue to implement our Academic Master Plan which takes a look at the needs of the community for programing and tries to meet those needs such as secondary education teachers and healthcare offerings.
- Dr. Hill introduces Bryan Rushton, President of the IUPUC Alumni Association, who will give an update on the Campus Maker's Space.

Campus Makerspace

Makerspace Definition: a place where young people have an opportunity to explore their own interests; learn to use tools and materials, both physical and virtual; and develop creative projects

Permission has been given by the Board of Aviation to move forward with discounted rent on a three-year lease on buildings #45 and #49 on the Airpark Campus which is located close to the Airport Museum and the airport main offices.

- Things to decide
 - What governing bodies will sign the lease?
 - What does the board of directors look like for this operation?
 - How will we staff it and provide programming?

From the IUPUC perspective, we think this can be beneficial toward some of those strategic initiatives for the campus toward driving enrollment by supporting coursework and in connecting students to jobs. Through the programing we hope to have members from industry to create intentional interactions to drive opportunities for students.

- Dr. Hill introduces Rick Johnson, who will give an update on the CEC landscape design project on the AirPark Campus.

Airpark Campus Landscape Design Project

CEC has created a campus coordinating team to find areas within our campus institutions where we can best collaborate to enrich the college experience. Since there is great collaboration between the institutions currently, it was thought that this is a good time to say 'where can we make progress together?' For this project, there is a guiding team and a number of initiatives to be addressed. The landscape plan is to raise the identity of the campus as a whole in a way that provides value to its constituents.

A mission statement that is equitable and welcoming to all has been created. We want to be the right choice and the 1st choice for students in the region. The students are at the center of this project and we want to provide opportunities for them in addition to providing high quality talent for the employers within our community.

Project: Master plan landscape design

- Thanks to Cummins' help with costs, we are able to take quotes from 4 different landscape firms
- Ivy Tech will make it a true quad with their new building on the SW corner, so the quad will consist of Ivy Tech, CLC building, AMCE, and IUPUC
- What can we do with the campus quad now?
- What can we do with the SE corner (nearest IUPUC) in the future?
- There will be some community input as we move along with the project along with the institutions
- There isn't a giant budget at this time, but we will seek from the community and possibly federal funds
- John Burnett: Thanks to IUPUC, Rick Johnson, and Kathy Oren. CEC is here to serve and support everyone and there is a great team working on this project

Dr. Hill: IUPUC landscape features and future interests

- Discovery sculpture
- Transformations
- Small school sculpture with the Koi pond
- IUPUC is part of Tree Campus USA, a recognized tree campus
- IUPUC rain garden with local plants- Interested in expanding
- Interested in an inclusive playground
- Interested in expanding our outdoor seating area
- Interested in creating a paver connection between the AMCE building and the IUPUC campus building
- Plan for a future building to support our Health Sciences and Science programs, and Mechanical Engineering that are important to our regional employers

Retirement of Matt Souza

Dr. Hill announces that Matt Souza has indicated his plans to retire on June 30. Matt has served three vice chancellors in 10 years and we appreciate all his time and dedication to us as a campus. Brenda Vogel has a few comments regarding Matt...

Brenda met Matt 25 years ago at church and they became friends through a musical band that played at their church. Since arriving at IUPUC in January 2010, much of his time has been spent reaching out to the Hispanic population in the region who were DACA students. These students are provided few options to affordable post-high school higher education. Matt worked many hours to reach out locally, regionally, and nationally to seek scholarship funds for these students. Since arriving at IUPUC, the Latinx population has nearly tripled under Matt's mentorship.

To honor Matt for his life-changing work at IUPUC, we are setting up an endowed scholarship in his name and will be funding it with gifts totaling over \$35K through the fundraising efforts of board member, Tom Vujovich. Thank you, Matt, and congratulations!

Adjournment

Tom Harmon

Thanks for your attendance today. It's been a pleasure to serve as chair of the advisory board. The meeting is adjourned at 1:02 pm.

*The next IUPUC Board of Advisors meeting
is Wednesday, September 8, 2021
Noon-1 pm | Location TBD*