Office of Academic Affairs

Dear Colleagues,

With November’s arrival the shorter, darker, colder days will greet us soon. Wind-weary, discolored leaves sprawled listlessly on fading verdant lawns are a stark reminder that the ghouls of Halloween will give way to the delectable tastes of Thanksgiving feasts. At least today, as I pen these notes, I can shove aside images of bitter cold for the clear blue skies that grace these late fall days. I can appreciate readily such bountiful gifts now that my annual address to the faculty has been delivered.

With the passing of our dear friend and colleague, Mary Jo Regan-Kubinski, our campus has mourned, celebrated her life, and memorialized her prodigious contributions to the university, the community, and to the College of Health Sciences. She will be a loss to those whose lives intertwined with hers. To many, she was a mentor, a teacher, a guide, a collaborator, a team-player. For all of us who worked daily with her, we knew her to be a person of courage and vision, a tireless worker, selfless in her determination that her college would produce extraordinary healthcare providers in nursing, dental, and medical imaging. She enlightened her Academic Cabinet colleagues by having us appreciate that she and her faculty educated nurses, dental hygienists, and radiographers, not trained them. She exemplified for her students the transformative power of a liberal arts education. Firm and resolute in her advocacy for the health sciences, Dean Regan-Kubinski was ever the gentle, kind, caring, compassionate person with...
infinite love of humanity. She lived life fully. An avid runner, kayaker, camper, and all-around outdoors person, she loved to travel. This past summer, my wife and I bumped into her and her husband at the airport on their way to a three-week hiking adventure in Nova Scotia, one of her favorite places to explore.

Although she is no longer with us, the fruits of her labor will have far-reaching impact. Under her leadership, the accelerated nursing and MSN programs were instituted; new degrees in medical imaging and dental hygiene were added. Understanding that one of the most efficient ways to enhance nursing education was through faculty development, she provided opportunities for her nursing faculty to acquire doctoral degrees. She completed a proposal for a new degree in Health Sciences and was exploring opportunities for a BSN/MBA degree and a baccalaureate’s degree in medical technology. Her biggest project was planning for the anticipated move of dental hygiene into the renovated Education/Arts building. When the renovation is done and ready for occupancy, we will celebrate and share our joy in her memory. She is and will be sorely missed. As consolation for our grief, her warmth, her infectious smile and humor still live with us.

In last month’s newsletter, I asked to be invited to your classes; it’s one of the rituals I’ve adopted in making that transition toward new adventures at the completion of this last year in university administration. To date, I’ve received two invitations to observe the First-Year Experience Reacting classes, one on Galileo and the other on the French Revolution. What an incredible experience! These were clear examples of active and engaged learning. The magical moments for me were to watch how students became collaborators in shaping history. They were learning about critical historical moments through a reservoir of knowledge drawn from interdisciplinary resources. From my observations, they were well attuned to the cultural norms and mores of the era, and of the political, philosophical and religious views that influenced that historical time. Kudos to Professors Carolyn Schult and Lesley Walker. In my view, an expansion of these types of experiences will be a powerful intervention in increasing retention for our students and facilitating their progress toward graduation. They can be also markers of excellence for our university. In the coming months, I will be working with the faculty and our colleagues from Student Services to expand the First-Year Experience and make it part of the IU South Bend undergraduate experience.

May each of you enjoy a bountiful Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

Alfred J. Guillaume, Jr.,
Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs


**In Memory**

Indiana University South Bend is mourning the death of Mary Jo Regan-Kubinski, the dean of the College of Health Sciences. She died on Sunday [October 16] after a brief illness. She was 60 years old.

In an announcement to the campus, IU South Bend Chancellor Una Mae Reck described Dean Regan-Kubinski as an energetic, passionate and dedicated advocate for the College of Health Sciences, its students, faculty and staff. “We will miss her leadership and friendship. Our thoughts and prayers are with her husband John and her family,” she said.

Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Alfred Guillaume joined Reck in the announcement. He said Dean Regan-Kubinski was a champion for providing highly skilled and caring health care professionals to the hospitals, clinics and doctor’s offices across Michiana. “She will be dearly missed,” he added.

A Memorial Mass and celebration of her life ... [was] held at the Church of Loretto on the campus of Saint Mary’s College on October 30 at 1:30 p.m. Contributions in honor of her life can be made to the Sisters of the Holy Cross Ministry with the Poor, Saint Mary’s College, Notre Dame, IN 46556 or online at http://www.cssisters.org

Palmer Funeral Home - River Park & Southlawn Cremation Services ... [assisted] the family with arrangements. ...

Regan-Kubinski joined IU South Bend in 2003 as the Dean of the Division of Nursing and Health Professions. The division was later re-named the College of Health Sciences. Prior to her service at IU South Bend she was the chair of the Department of Nursing at Saint Mary’s College.

She was also an assistant professor at the University of Pittsburgh; assistant professor at Villanova University; a clinical instructor at Wayne State University, Detroit; an associate instructor at Kellogg Community College, Battle Creek, Mich.; and assistant professor at Saint Mary’s.

She earned a bachelor’s degree in nursing and a master’s degree in child psychiatric nursing from Wayne State University. She received a doctorate degree in clinical nursing research from the University of Michigan.

Mary Jo Regan-Kubinski
**EVCAA State of Academic Affairs Address**

Executive Vice Chancellor Alfred J. Guillaume, Jr.’s final annual address to the Academic Senate was presented on Friday, October 21, 2011. The address provides the "State of Academic Affairs" as well as Executive Vice Chancellor Guillaume’s personal comments. The text of the address is available at the Academic Affairs website at this [link]. Both audio and video of the address, as well as the text of EVCAA Guillaume’s previous years’ addresses since 2003, may also be found online at this [link].

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**Jane Cera**

Dr. Jane Cera’s scholarship is focused on Teacher Leadership. She is interested in how to prepare future art educators with some of the leadership skills veteran teachers develop only after years of on-the-job experience. As in most arts education, visual art teachers constantly face the prospect of budget, program and employment cuts; so they must be both educator, and an advocate for their curriculum. The necessity of being able to navigate the political terrain of schooling has convinced Dr. Cera that novice teachers need leadership skills from the very beginning of their careers.

She has proposed a pedagogy of teacher leadership in art education preparation, a paper currently in submission. While she awaits the forthcoming publication of two sections in a book on research methods in art education, Dr. Cera continues to vet her ideas in conference presentations. She has presented papers on Teacher Leadership and on teaching visual culture at the Michigan Art Education Association Conference and at the National Art Education Association Convention.

Left: Jane Cera, Assistant Professor of Art Education

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Spotlight on Faculty Research & Creative Activity

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An unveiling ceremony of a bust of Chancellor Emeritus Lester Wolfson (on left in photo to the left) created by Professor Emeritus Tuck Langland (at right in photo to left) was held on the IU South Bend campus on Saturday, October 15 in Northside Hall. Wolfson is shown above as well some months ago following the publication of A Campus Becoming (written by Emeritus Professors Patrick Furlong and Tom Vander Ven and containing the text of several of Wolfson’s speeches to the IUSB Academic Senate) that tells the history of IU South Bend during the Wolfson years (1964-1987). IU South Bend posted a story covering the ceremony and unveiling at this [link].

[Photo above courtesy Foundations]