Dear Colleagues,

Innovations. Information. Resources. Unique events.  A gift!  We have just received a grant for the Office of Academic Affairs, which includes the highest expression of innovation, research and community engagement. This news comes in the midst of the biggest crisis we have faced in the history of our university, and we are deeply grateful for this support.

Best wishes,

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

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Curriculum Committee approved two new graduate degrees for our campus: The Master of Arts in English and the Master of Business Administration. The Master of Arts in English is designed to provide students with a strong foundation in literature, theory, and criticism. The Master of Business Administration is geared towards students interested in business administration, with a focus on leadership and management.

On Friday, November 14th, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education will be reviewing our College of Arts and Sciences to assess our academic offerings and programs. The review will be conducted by a team of educators and experts who will evaluate our curriculum, teaching quality, and overall academic performance.

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Members of the General Implementation Committee include Douglas A. Berman, chair (LAS); Linda Chen, co-chair (Lucas); Marsha Heck, chair (Library); Anthony Lucal, De Bryant, Diana Hess, Jerry Hinnefeld, and Bill Hojnacki, members. To join the General Implementation Committee, please write directly to the subcommittee chair to volunteer.

Please consider how your expertise can best be used to improve our programs and services. The General Implementation Committee is charged with the responsibility of selecting the curriculum approved by the faculty Senate and ASG.

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Participants are encouraged to invite colleagues to attend these meetings and workshops. The next series of workshops will be held on Friday, November 21st, and will focus on the results of a longitudinal assessment of student learning outcomes. The workshops will include presentations on assessment methods, data analysis, and strategies for improving student learning. Attendees will have the opportunity to engage in discussions and receive feedback from experts in the field.

I hope that you will be able to attend these events and contribute to our efforts to improve our programs and services.

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1) Assessment Institute: The Assessment Committee news is the attendance of four faculty members: Roberta Peth, Linda Fritschner, Paul Newcomb, and David Vollrath, at the Assessment Institute at the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, on September 17th. Roberta Peth told the Assessment Committee news that it is important to know how assessment information is used to improve instruction and that the institute provided excellent opportunities for reflection and discussion.

2) New Assessment Resources: Several new workshops are being added to the assessment framework to improve the quality of instruction. These workshops include: "Improving Assessment through Technology," "Assessment in Practice," "Assessment and Involving Improver Institute, Higher Education and Community Assessment," and "Assessment in Practice with Students." The workshops will be held on Thursday, November 21st, at the Assessment Institute site.

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