Dear Colleagues,

IU South Bend has had a strong legacy of attracting and retaining outstanding faculty members. With more than 300 full-time faculty members on the Bloomington campus, we are pleased to announce four faculty members who have been recognized for their excellence:

- Alfred J. Guillaume, Jr., for the Herman Frederic Lieber Award.
- Linda Chen, for the Political Science, Wilbert Hites Mentoring Award.
- Elizabeth Mooney, for the Christa McAuliffe Excellence in Teacher Preparation.
- Betsy Lucal, for the Sylvia Gretchen Anderson Award.

These awards were presented on Sunday, February 6, on the Bloomington campus. Congratulations to the following faculty members:

Joe Peyser has had much in common. We both were French professors. As Francophiles we loved all things French. He and I are scholars of French literature and we both shared the same administrative position as dean of faculties and vice chancellor for academic affairs. I last saw Joe in December—he was often at his beloved university for events—and we talked of getting together with our spouses for dinner. He and I occasionally had lunch together. He will be missed.

His scholarship, however, assures him an immortal legacy. Auguste Comte once penned: “Oui, la vie est un songe et la mort un rêve” (Yes, life is but a dream, and death, a dream itself). But in celebrating the life of Joe Peyser and thanking him for his many contributions to Indiana University South Bend.

Assessment
The Assessment Committee is taking applications for the Spring round of assessment grants. Grants are available for a wide range of assessment projects. Last fall, grants were given to attend assessment conferences, for database development and for survey development and administration.

Applications and guidelines as well as final reports from previous assessment grants are available on the website: http://www.iusb.edu/~sbassess/grant.html. Funding for up to $500 will be considered. Grant applications are due by March 1, 2005. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Linda Fisher, (x4443) or Rhonda Culbertson, (x5948).

New Frontiers in the Arts and Humanities Program:
The Office of the Vice President for Research is pleased to announce the first year of a five-year program called New Frontiers in the Arts and Humanities. The goal of the program is to help Indiana University faculty members to expand their work into interdisciplinary or interdepartmental frontiers that promise new insights into the humanities. Applications are due by March 1, 2005. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Linda Fisher, (x4443) or Rhonda Culbertson, (x5948).

The American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) is pleased to announce the opening of the 2005 Christa McAuliffe Award competition: The Christa McAuliffe Excellence in Teacher Education Award honors programs that can document the success of their graduates and their impact on the pupils they teach. The key issue is accountability: demonstration of the link between the teaching of the candidates and the academic achievements of their students. The program preparation to effective teaching and student learning is the whole point of our teacher preparation programs. In this competition, the links between the two are fully in view. These awards will not only recognize outstanding teacher preparation programs but will also provide concrete ideas and specific suggestions for other AASCU members seeking to improve such programs.

KUDOS
Four IU South Bend faculty will be honored at this year’s Founders Day on Sunday, March 6 on the Bloomington campus. Congratulations to the following faculty:

- Alfred J. Guillaume, Jr., Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
- Linda Chen, Political Science
- Elizabeth Mooney, for the Christa McAuliffe Excellence in Teacher Preparation
- Betsy Lucal, Sociology/Anthropology

Best wishes,

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