Dear Colleagues,

Remember those magical moments when suddenly a burst of joy envelops you, or some unexpected experience transports you happily into a quiet, reflective cocoon of inner peace? These moments may be occasioned by a beautiful sunset, a smiling child, the musical chirping of birds, the somber echoes of a dissonant wind, a mellifluous operatic voice or simply a surprise phone call from a friend whom you’ve not spoken to in years. I experienced such a moment one afternoon in December just before the holiday break. Seated at my desk, reading the library’s self-study, and listening to an aria by the tenor, Rolando Villazón, I suddenly looked up and saw the tall evergreen that gracefully fills the frame of my west window blanketed in soft billows of snow. The bright white caressing the deep green unveiled a majestic dance of light and dark colors. With nature at its purest and grandest, that stunning view mimicked an Ansel Adams landscape.

Contrastedly, with the great blizzard of 2011, we experienced the descent of nature’s fury. Ten years from now what will we recall of the heavy winds and mounds of accumulating snow? Etched in my mind is the front page of the Chicago Tribune with its bluish white photo of the endless line of cars, frozen and abandoned on Lake Shore Drive. I can only imagine what trepidation and fear seized the motorists trapped in that morass. Here in South Bend, the...
snow’s unrelenting tumbling caused less havoc. Thanks to the expeditious work of our ground crew, the university opened with business as usual the day following the big storm.

At the last Academic Senate meeting the chancellor announced that I will be stepping down as vice chancellor for academic affairs in June of 2012, as required by IU policy. By that time I will have served thirteen years as your vice chancellor. The years have passed quickly. Over that span we have accomplished much together, and I’m deeply grateful to have partnered with you in fostering academic excellence. Until a new chancellor appoints his/her own vice chancellor for academic affairs, Johnny McIntosh will serve as interim. In the ensuing months, there will be ample time for reflection, but for now we must focus our energies and attention on the future. Change is inevitable and change can bode well if prepared for properly. This period of transition will allow the campus to ponder current challenges while fostering new opportunities. There is much work to be done as we partner with IU in redirecting and maximizing resources through the Blueprint for Student Attainment. It is fitting that I spend this last year and half working with you toward implementation of Blueprint initiatives.

Efforts to initiate a First Year Experience program at IU South Bend are well underway. Our committee continues to meet. Several faculty will be offering courses in the fall and spring semesters of 2011-12. Common to each of the courses will be a peer mentor. And to ensure that each of the courses has common goals and objectives, the faculty and peer mentors will participate in a summer workshop under Randy Isaacson’s tutelage. As details unfold regarding committed faculty, course offerings and implementation, I will keep you informed.

At the end of this semester, Frank Fujita will end his term as Honors Director. I want to thank him for his dedicated service to the program and his interest in mentoring students toward academic excellence. A campus search is underway for a new director. The position description is detailed at this [link].

Research and creative activities remain central to our focus on academic excellence and play a pivotal role in the unique responsibility we have as a public institution to the vitality of our region. I am convinced that one of our singular strengths as an institution is the national and international scholarly reputation of our faculty. Indisputably, there is a strong connection between excellence in research and outstanding teaching. Each informs the other. Our students are fortunate to have masters of their disciplines as instructors. Like the students, I too, learn from our faculty, enjoying the residual benefit of reading promotion and tenure dossiers. From my colleagues’ research, I’m learning about Chaucer, Stalinist Realism in art, the German student movement in Nazi Germany, wireless networks and MAC protocols for real-time applications, the Cidian epic, el Poema de mio Cid, and contemporary metaphysics and philosophy of mind. Imagine the power of that research in the undergraduate classroom. Each month this newsletter will spotlight two outstanding researchers. This month the spotlight is on Lesley Walker and Liqiang Zhang. Read about them below.

For faculty interested in pursuing opportunities in higher education administration, Vice President John Applegate has an opening among his staff for an assistant vice president for statewide academic relations. This is a 50% three-year twelve-month appointment. As we anticipate many changes regarding administration and oversight of regional campuses, this is a vital position. The Office of Academic Affairs works closely with this individual. I encourage those who are interested to apply. Johnny McIntosh and I are available for consultation. Details are at this [link].

I invite you to participate in three events this month, the Valentine’s Dinner with the Euclid Quartet at Trio’s on February 14th; the Trailblazer Recognition Event at the Natatorium on February 19th at 2 pm, honoring local citizens who have made a difference in our community; and the Black History Month Concert, Lift Every Voice, on February 26th [link]. Enjoy the rest of winter.

Sincerely,

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

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**Crawfish Boil**

Save the date – April 29; mark your calendars now for the second annual Crawfish Boil to benefit the Natatorium/Civil Rights Heritage Center and two other local charities, St. Margaret’s House and The Upper Room. Tickets available from VCAA Guillaume and Kevin James.

The final deadline for Faculty Research and Curriculum Development grants for this academic year is coming up on 2/25/11. You can find more information on these programs here http://www.iusb.edu/~sbres/randd/RDComm.html.
Lesley Walker

Since completing her first book, A Mother’s Love: Crafting Feminine Virtue in Enlightenment France (2008), French Professor Lesley Walker has continued to conduct research on French women writers of the 18th and 19th centuries. Since 2007, Dr. Walker has collaborated with scholars in France, attending three conferences at the Universities of Aix-Marseille, Toulouse-Mirail, and Paris. Her conference presentations led to the publication of three articles based on the writings of the novelist Stéphanie-Felicité de Genlis and the poet Constance de Salm. Both of these women had extraordinarily productive careers as writers but have been neglected by modern-day scholars. Dr. Walker is currently engaged in research for a second book project, tentatively entitled Pride and Prejudice: Comparing Love’s Novelistic Labors in England and France, a comparative study of the French and English eighteenth-century novel. Although popular novels on either side of the Channel were translated nearly instantly, scholars today rarely take these cross-currents into account in their studies of “the novel.” Dr. Walker’s new book will seek to bridge this gap and offer an account of a mutually constitutive tradition.

Liqiang Zhang

Professor Liqiang Zhang’s research interests mainly lie in wireless networks and mobile computing. He is designing protocols and algorithms that help make current networks more effective and efficient. One of his current projects is focused on energy-conscious resource scheduling for wireless real-time systems, examples of which are easily found in our daily lives, such as mobile audio and video streaming, wireless networked control systems, wireless medical telemetry services, mobile gaming and entertainment, wireless video surveillance and rescuing applications, and several others. All of these applications demand a reliable resource supply in a real-time manner to achieve satisfactory performance. They pose special challenges when they are deployed over wireless networks, where limited channel bandwidth has to be shared by mobile devices and the quality of wireless links is often highly dynamic. Moreover, since mobile systems are often powered by batteries, energy-efficiency becomes a factor that has to be considered. Since 2007, Professor Zhang and colleagues at Notre Dame have been collaborating to develop novel theories, protocols, and experimental verifications for managing wireless channel and CPU resources in an integrated manner so that real-time applications can be well-served while resources are efficiently utilized. This research is currently funded by the National Science Foundation.

B&E Center Director

Pam Zarazee has agreed to direct the CTS Center for Experiential Education. Pam brings professional experience, leadership in incorporating internships in the HR curriculum, and successful continuation of mock interviews in the career planning course to the position. We wish Pam well and thank her for her commitment.

Grant Proposals & Research: New IU Policy & Website

Vice President for Research Jorge José announces the implementation of a new policy designed to facilitate accurate and timely submission of funding proposals to external agencies. All administrative documents must be submitted at least five (5) business days before the external agency’s deadline; narrative and technical elements of proposals must be submitted two (2) days in advance of the external agency deadline.

"With the increase in the number of proposals that Grant Services staff members must process, and agencies’ increasingly stringent deadlines and policies, this policy will ensure that proposals are reviewed and fully processed in time for submission to external funding agencies,” said Vice President José. The full policy is available on line at [link].

VP José also announced a new site that integrates all the different campus and intercampus components and services that form the full Office of the Vice President for Research. The web site, which will be continuously updated with new services and relevant information, is called the Indiana University Research Gateway. It can be found at http://research.iu.edu/.

New to Academic Affairs: 
Daniel Szilagyi

Please help us welcome a new member to the Academic Affairs team. Daniel Szilagyi (photo above) joins us as Academic Records Assistant and Secretary. Daniel brings experience in educational settings and will work primarily on associate faculty edoc and curricular assisting duties. We are pleased he has joined us.
Kudos

Congratulations to the Ernestine M. Raclin School of the Arts at IU South Bend which in partnership with the South Bend Visitors and Convention Bureau has been chosen to host the 2011 Indiana Governor’s Arts Awards program in the fall. This is the 35th year of the awards and the third time it has been hosted outside Indianapolis.

Kudos to Lesley Walker and Benjamin Balthaser who received New Frontiers Exploration Traveling Fellowships to support travel associated with their scholarly activities late last year.

Congratulations to P.N. Saksena who was named the 2011 recipient of the IU South Bend Alumni Association Faculty Legacy Award. The award was announced at the All-Campus meeting held on January 7.

Campus Theme Year: “The Meaning of Work”

Upcoming Events associated with the IU South Bend Theme Year for February are:

Feb. 9: Jonathan Nashel (History, IUSB) “A Conspiracy So Immense: Joe McCarthy’s Vision of Communism,” Library 5th floor, 7 pm
Feb. 16: Yosuke Nirei (History, IUSB) “The Communist Manifesto Looked at From Outside the U.S./The West,” Library 5th floor, 2 pm
Feb. 17, 18, 19: Michiana Monologues @ IUSB, Northside Recital Hall, 7 pm
Feb. 23: Lisa Zwicker (History, IUSB) “A Question and Answer Session for The Communist Manifesto,” Library 5th floor, 3 pm
Feb. 25: Joe McCarrin (History, Georgetown University) “Dress Rehearsal for the Coming Backlash? The Emergence of Public Sector Anti-Unionism, 1968-81,” CSC/ICL Coffeehouse, Geddes Hall, University of Notre Dame, Noon-1 pm

For a calendar of events for the remainder of the year, visit the Campus Theme webpage at this [link].

Deans Seminar

Kelcey Parker, Assistant Professor of English, will present the next Deans Seminar. The event will take place at noon in the UCET Classroom on February 25th. She will introduce her new story collection using the three elements of Henry James’ description of the “house of fiction” in her talk entitled “For Sale By Owner: The Writer and the House of Fiction” (abstract). As always, drinks will be available and please feel free to bring your lunch. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

Overseas Study Opportunities – Summer

This summer there will be several opportunities and options for summer overseas study!

• May-June: Berlin and Prague, Dictatorship and Resistance in the 20th Century
• June-July: Street Photography in Florence

Schedule:
9:00-9:30: Overview of the February Call for Proposals
9:30-10:00: Jorge Muñiz (Music)
10:00-10:30: Raman Adakhalavan (Computer Science & Informatics)
10:30-11:00: Dennis Wolf (Mathematical Sciences)
11:00-11:30: PN Saksena (Business & Economics)
11:30-12:00: Denise Skarbek (Education)
12:00-12:30: Repeat of the Morning Overview

All faculty are welcome to attend. Come as your schedule permits.

Bi-Annual Graduate Research Conference

As you plan your semester please keep in mind that the Graduate Research Conference is held the week before finals each semester. This semester it will be held on Tuesday, April 26th at 7pm in the Grille. We would love for you to have your class of graduate students or individual graduate students present their research at this conference. Please encourage all current and past IU South Bend Graduate students to consider presenting at this free conference.

The Bi-Annual Graduate Research Conference aims to showcase the talents of graduate students and serves as a venue for peer review and interdisciplinary discussion. The conference is a forum for students to present high-quality research projects and endeavors to peers, faculty members, the Indiana University South Bend community at large and other interested parties. The conference encourages graduate research and deepens the understanding of theoretical aspects and practical applications across disciplines. The Bi-Annual Graduate Research Conference creates a unique and dynamic setting that facilitates the efficient exchange of information and ideas across a wide variety of disciplines.

This is a free event and includes refreshments. The symposium itself is open to the public. If you have any questions please contact us at gradre@iusb.edu or you can contact Dr. Bakerson at 574-520-4391 or mbakerso@iusb.edu.

Distance Learning (DL) at IU South Bend

Course Development Funding: The Distance Learning Program’s Call for Proposals is coming up! On February 25, Friday, the CFP will be launched. Email invitations will be sent to the faculty through their deans and flyers will be posted on our campus. Periodic reminders will also be posted on our community electronic bulletin board.

Deadline for proposals to develop fully online courses is midnight of March 23, Wednesday. Proposals should be emailed to DLIUSB@iusb.edu. Proposals from both tenure and non-tenure track faculty will be considered. Funds for course development depend upon the number of course credit, as follows: $4,000 for 3 or more credit courses, $3,000 for 2-credit courses, and $2,000 for 1-credit courses. The department offering the course will receive an amount equal to 25% of the grant amount that is awarded to the faculty member. The second and subsequent times the course is taught, a stipend of $500 per section will be paid to the academic department for a 3-credit (or more) course, $334 for a 2-credit course, and $167 for a 1-credit course. For more information, please visit http://www.distance.iusb.edu/call.shtml

Distance Learning Fair: On February 16, Wednesday, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the first Annual DL Fair will be held at the Peterson Classroom (NS 245). Faculty are welcome to attend all or parts of the fair, as your schedule permits. Faculty interested in submitting a proposal for DL course development are encouraged to attend as funded course developers will showcase their courses and discuss tips and tools that worked for them. There will be a Q&A session regarding the Call for Proposals. Email Dr. Marianne Castano Bishop, Distance Learning Program Director, at cbishopm@iusb.edu if you have questions about distance learning on our campus.