greetings

The spring semester is underway, which reminds us that winter will fade and warmer weather and commencement are just around the corner. The campus is bustling this winter. The first floor of the Administration Building is undergoing a transformational change as we turn it into a hub for student services. We are also celebrating new grants for exciting new projects and new people who have joined the campus in critical roles. You will read these stories and more in this issue of Footnotes.

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Administration Building Renovation Project
The $3.6 million renovation of the first floor of the Administration Building is underway. We are vacating the first floor so construction can move quickly and be more cost effective. When the project is completed, all of the offices and people who support students from when they start at IU South Bend to when they graduate will be together. We studied adjacencies and designed the area to have the right people next to each other to be more effective, efficient, and convenient for students. Architects’ drawings are being finalized and the project is expected to go out to bid to local contractors in March. Construction is scheduled to begin this summer and the project is expected to be completed in time for the start of classes in Fall 2017.

Banded Tuition Coming this Fall
In Fall 2016, IU South Bend and the other IU regional campuses will be moving to a banded tuition rate. Under the banded tuition system, students will pay the same fee for any course load between 12 and 18 hours, rather than paying a per-credit rate. Banded tuition is designed to help students graduate in four years and reduce the cost of their education. Banded tuition has been in place at Bloomington for more than 20 years and is also used at Purdue University-West Lafayette, Ball State University, Indiana State University, and other colleges and universities. I fully support the move to banded tuition because it will enhance our efforts to help students graduate on time and with less debt. On-time graduation eliminates the need for a fifth or six year of college and the related expenses. Plus, it puts graduates in the workforce or professional and graduate schools sooner so they can start their careers.

Upcoming Events

**The Legend of John Henry**
11 a.m. & 1:30 p.m., February 13
Children’s Theatre Production
Campus Auditorium

**Michiana Monologues: Circle of Women**
7 p.m., February 25
Civil Rights Heritage Center
7 p.m., March 4
Addicott-Joshi Performance Hall

**“Lift Every Voice: Celebrating the African-American Spirit”**
7 p.m., February 27
Campus Auditorium

**“Brothers on the Battlefield”**
7 p.m., March 6
Campus Auditorium
Multimedia Historical Concert

**Career and Internship Fair**
Noon to 3 p.m., March 9
Student Activities Center

**Commencement**
6:30 p.m., May 10
Joyce Center
University of Notre Dame

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Women’s Softball Team Added
Women’s softball has been added to the line-up of varsity sports at IU South Bend. Brittney Lightfoot has been named head coach of the team and is already recruiting players. The team will play in the Chicagoland Conference of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics in the fall. Lightfoot comes to campus after serving as an assistant coach at Bethel College for the last six years. In addition to women’s softball, our growing athletics program now includes men’s and women’s basketball, women’s volleyball, men’s baseball, and men’s and women’s golf and cross country.

Two Receive 2016 New Frontiers Arts Grants
I am pleased to announce that IU South Bend has two recipients of the 2016 New Frontiers in the Arts and Humanities awards from Indiana University, including me. I received a $50,000 grant for an IU South Bend collaborative project to create a new musical play called “MEGA!” Assistant Professor of English Kyoko Takanashi received a $14,000 grant for a project called “Traveling through the Pages: Reading Realism in the Age of Transport Revolutions”. Our projects were two of 37 projects across IU to receive funding. The New Frontiers program supports research, scholarship, and creative activity that sustain and enhance the reputation of IU in the Arts and Humanities.

Indiana Masterpiece Grant
The Ernestine M. Raclin School of the Arts is one of 35 recipients of an Indiana Masterpiece Grant to celebrate the bicentennial of the State of Indiana. The Raclin School was the only grant recipient in St. Joseph County. The project is called “Celebrating Charles Gordone”. Gordone was the first African American to win the Pulitzer Prize for drama. Born in Ohio, his family moved to Elkhart when he was very young and he graduated from Elkhart High School. His play, No Place to Be Somebody won the Pulitzer Prize in 1970. Students at Dickinson Intermediate Arts Academy will write an original script based on his life under the direction of Kemilyn Schreiber, Fine Arts Magnet Coordinator at Dickinson. Marvin Curtis, dean of the Raclin School, and Thomas Limbert, Music professor will compose original music. The play will be produced at St. Patrick’s Park in September of 2016.

Welcome New Employees
I am pleased to introduce three new employees who play important roles at IU South Bend. JIM MURDOCK has joined us as interim vice chancellor for administrative and fiscal affairs. He has nearly 40 years of experience in higher education including more than 20 years in high level positions in budget and finance for the Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. MARTHA MCCAMPBELL has been hired as the new director of Affirmative Action, Campus Diversity, and Deputy Title IX Coordinator. Previously, she served as general counsel at Lincoln Memorial University in Tennessee. She earned her law degree at the University of Tennessee. And, DEBORAH SCHMITT has joined us as director for the Office of Human Resources and Career Services. She is a graduate of IU South Bend and has 12 years of higher education experience including seven years in Human Resources at Ivy Tech Community College.