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News from the Dean's Office

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Expanding Efforts

At the September Faculty Assembly, I announced the following 5 leadership priorities for the 2018-2019 academic year:



1. Respond boldly to deepening financial crisis
2. Expand efforts to protect SLA turf
3. Launch a major initiative to increase majors, minors, and partnerships
4. Re-examine allocation of resources in a fair and systematic way
5. Pilot career communities initiative

Today I will expand briefly on the second of these priorities, *Expand efforts to protect SLA turf*.

The past eight years have witnessed a dramatic increase in the amount of college credit students are bringing from high school (there has been a 9.9% increase in Liberal Arts credit alone). This credit takes many forms: AP credit, dual credit, transfer credit from Ivy Tech and other colleges. Dual credit hours have increased by 127%, or approximately 7,500 credit hours since 2010. Furthermore, Liberal Arts has lost credit hours to other schools as a result of additions to courses approved for the

General Education Core.

Some incoming credit hours are good for students and good for us. Others are not. In the coming weeks and months, I will work with the Fiscal Recovery Planning Committee and the Undergraduate Curriculum and Standards Committee to seek answers to what can be done to regain some of the credit hours we've lost at the 100 and 200 levels over the last eight years. In addition, I will continue to keep the problem front and center when I talk to campus-level administrators and other deans.

If you have ideas about what can be done in this important area, please do not hesitate to email me. We need everyone pulling together if we are to meet the challenges we face and go on to thrive as a school—as I know we will.

As always, thanks for everything you're doing.

Best wishes,
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TOP HEADLINES

School of Liberal Arts Diversity Training Workshop

As part of the overall IUPUI Diversity Plan created by the Division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) at IUPUI, each school on campus has been asked to execute an education and awareness plan to ensure that the principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion are rooted in how we work, collaborate, and interact with each other every day.

The IU School of Liberal Arts has created a school-wide, diversity training workshop for faculty and staff, designed to be interactive, address diversity in its broadest scope, and include presentations from the leadership on our campus responsible for various aspects of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

All SLA faculty, staff, and student workers are strongly encouraged to take advantage of this important opportunity. Student workers will be compensated for their time while in attendance.

Please register for one of the two half-day sessions below:

Monday, November 12, 2018
12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
University Library, Lilly Auditorium

OR

Tuesday, November 13, 2018
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon
University Library, Lilly Auditorium

Our Paws Pantry and Paws Closet organizers will host a “Paws Diversity Drive” at the training. Please bring donations and learn more about the purpose of these organizations and the communities they served.

Announcements

Travel Guidelines

The IU School of Liberal Arts is announcing new Travel Guidelines for those traveling for University business. The most important change is that a signed Travel Authorization Request Form is required **before travel arrangements can be made**. This ensures that you will be reimbursed for your trip.

A new School of Liberal Arts Travel Guidelines webpage has been created to help you learn what you need to do before you travel. Included on the page is the Travel Authorization Request Form and helpful links on how to use Chrome River to book your travel. You can find the Travel link in the Business Services bucket on the For Faculty & Staff webpage.



Liberal Arts Appoints Student Ambassadors for the 2018-2019 Academic Year

Did you know that seventeen School of Liberal Arts students are serving as student ambassadors during the 2018-19 school year? The students will represent the School at special events and functions, and participate in student recruitment efforts, as well as alumni and donor relations activities.

"We are excited to have these great students represent the School of Liberal Arts," says Interim Dean Robert Rebein. "They rank among our best students and their desire to share their liberal arts passion with the IUPUI and Indianapolis community is greatly appreciated."

As members of the student ambassador program, the students will have opportunities to share their ideas, passions, and experiences as Liberal Arts students with the dean.

Ambassadors will also contribute to the Liberal Arts' social media accounts on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook.

Emily Wirick, a junior Tourism, Conventions and Event Management (TCEM) student and an intern in the Office of Development and External Affairs, returns as the program coordinator.

Appointment to the program, now in its 13th year, requires an application, faculty/staff nomination, and ratification by the dean.

You're Invited

Friday, October 19, 2018

Financial Literacy Workshop

Please join Kathy Johnson, Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer, and Camy Broeker, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration for a special financial literacy workshop for School of Liberal Arts faculty. Gaining a firm grasp of the intricacies of the financial state of the University, Campus, and our School is essential for us in our faculty governance work. This is the second and final offering of this workshop.

Friday, October 19

2:00-4:00 p.m.
University Hall, Rm 1006

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Tom Davis Appreciation Event

Join friends and colleagues to honor Tom Davis for his service as the Dean of the School of Liberal Arts. Let us celebrate together *The Soundtrack of a Dean's Life: Tom Davis Appreciation Event* to share Tom's love of music, storytelling, and, yes, gambling!

Light snacks and refreshments will be provided. Program begins at 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 23, 2018
4:30-6:00 p.m.
IUPUI Campus Center, Room 309

Thursday, November 1, 2018

Health & Benefits Fair

Flu shots, free health screenings, free food, and giveaways are all a part of the IU Human Resources annual Health & Benefits Fair at the Campus Center. Don't forget to take advantage of the Information Sessions. They can be very helpful in planning for retirement or if you want to learn more about making changes to your health benefit choices for 2019.

Information Sessions: Campus Center Room 305

IU Retiree Status & Benefits: 9:00 a.m.

Retirement Plan Improvements: 12:00 p.m.

Open Enrollment: 10:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 1, 2018

10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

IUPUI Campus Center, Room 405

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