

Year in Review

Achievements

As you have heard, increasing public awareness of Indiana State University's accomplishments is crucial to building student enrollment, influencing policy makers, and developing a place of pre-eminence in the Midwest. What do you consider to be your department's accomplishments for the 2006-07 year that will contribute to this effort? (Please list in priority order and limit to no more than 8.)

1. Renovation of Burford Hall- Burford is a freshman residence hall for theme housing. It has the following amenities: air conditioning, private baths, wireless, 2 music practice rooms, 2 activity spaces and a performance area.
2. Lincoln Leadership stairwell grew in participation. This is the third year for this program and we filled the stairwell. We are in the process of writing a grant for next year and are looking at expanding the program to an additional stairwell.
3. We continue to involve faculty in our theme housing areas. Next year we will add a construction management floor.
4. Steve Briggs was selected as the GLACUHO Best Program Recipient. As part of the award Steve will attend the ACUHO-I Conference this summer.
5. Jasmine Clay received the Indiana Outstanding Advisor Award for GLACURH

Enrollment

What steps did you take this year to aid ISU in overcoming enrollment challenges?

The Office of Residential Life staff assisted with recruitment events both on-campus and throughout the State of Indiana. We worked with enrollment management on marketing ideas and served on the enrollment management task force. We awarded 10, \$100 book vouchers to encourage students to sign up for housing by April 15, 2007. We initiated an on-line housing application process. Residential Life staff also helped with enrollment management's teleconferencing.

What can your office do next year to help overcome enrollment challenges?

We need to continue to look at ways we can renovate housing and at the same time look at keeping housing costs affordable for our students. We will continue to support enrollment management efforts to help with recruitment.

Action Steps

Do you have any further progress you would like to report?

Burfod Hall was renovated and opened in the fall. Burford is double occupancy, air-conditioned, private baths in individual rooms, and is wireless. The first floor has 2 music practice rooms, laundry facilities, and a performance area. Burford is theme housing for the College of Business, Performing Arts, and Aerospace Technology. Theme housing expanded this year to include Athletic Training. Nursing will expand their program to include a second year nursing stairwell at Lincoln Quad. Social Work added a floor in our first year area. Construction Management will be starting a floor next year in our FYI area. We now have our housing application process on line. Our Experiential Learning Committee worked with RHA to do a fun raiser for Special Olympics and also worked to continue to organize help for Special Olympics this summer. The committee also organized a program called "Sycamores for the Community. We encourage students to donate clothing and item to the greater Terre Haute community.

Assessment

What are two ways in which you evaluated the quality or effectiveness in your area last year? What changes did you make based on those assessments?

Based on Cas evaluation Residential Life changed their program evaluation forms to reflect learning outcome for educational programs.

Residential Life continues to monitor student satisfaction by conducting an annual quality of life survey.

Based of feedback from student surveys, we will offer Friday night dinner in the dining hall to see if we can increase the number of students staying on campus on the weekends. We will intentionally program in the dining hall on Friday night.

Budget

As you know, ISU is facing significant budget challenges. Finding ways to overcome these while increasing efficiency requires innovation. How are you overcoming your budget challenges this year?

We closed Sandison Hall and will continue to keep it closed until enrollment increases. We cut our capital budget and have halted major renovations. We have also written a grant for our Leadership Stairwell.

Quality

Feedback

This section is to allow you to share your ideas for enhancing enrollment, dealing with budget and other challenges facing the university community.

Marketing ISU to more urban areas with larger populations would help increase enrollment. The Office of Residential Life must look for funding sources to continue to renovate our residence halls. More importantly, funding must be secured to build a new apartment complex. The apartments currently owned by ISU are old, small and located 8 blocks from campus. Even though the Office of

Residential Life encounters a waiting list each year for University Apartments Occupancy, more modern apartments are needed to attract students to enroll at ISU.

As indicated previously, ISU, particularly the Office of Residential Life must be allowed to implement a strategic plan involving the renovation of our residence halls or the building on new residence halls. Even though renovations and building new residence halls are costly, we must find funding sources. State supported schools throughout Indiana are announcing plans to renovate or build new residence halls, if we do not keep up with them regarding modern housing for our students, enrollment will be impacted.