

## ***Academic Plan – Enhancement of the Resource Base***

### ***Campus Culture and Student Housing - 2008 Update***

The Campus Center which opened in 2008 has proved to be a big success in increasing student engagement. There is now the opportunity to have more academic and cultural events on campus in an attractive environment. Student housing which now has about 1000 beds was completely full for AY 2007-08. For this next academic year, there was a waiting list of about 500 students at one point. Clearly, IUPUI is increasingly becoming a campus of choice for both out-of-state and Indiana residents. Many students will be disappointed and not enroll at IUPUI if housing is not available. In response to the current housing shortage some special efforts have been initiated for Fall 2008. Wherever possible, single rooms in campus housing have been converted to doubles to maximize on campus housing capacity. The campus has entered into a partnership with nearby housing at the Candlewood Suites apartments to provide “overflow campus housing”. Both of these efforts have allowed our campus program to expand our occupancy 10% and thus serving approximately 100 more students. In order to take care of the insufficient campus housing in future years, Student Affairs has made campus housing a priority. Since new student housing needs approval from the IU Board of Trustees, efforts are under way to make the case for more student housing. The plan is to add 2,000 beds to our campus housing program over the next few years, with a price point which is below the current apartment housing on campus. The master planning effort is guiding where this new housing could be placed on campus.