

## ***Academic Plan - Excellence in Teaching and Learning***

### ***Stress Benefits of a Timely Graduation - 2008 Update***

IUPUI is stressing the benefits of a timely graduation for entering students and for continuing students. This began for the first time in 2006–2007, centering on the cohort of entering fall first-time, full-time students. Though the campus has always reminded students of the importance of registering (when they were not registered) for the coming semester, students in the cohort now receive a more intensive set of reminders (e-mails, letters, and phone calls) reminding them of the importance of continuous registration in terms of their earning their degrees. In addition, students below a threshold of \$200 are now permitted to register and several offices work in concert in supporting students with financial holds in being able to return for study. Key campus initiatives such as the personal development plan and the work with seniors reported elsewhere in this plan also reinforce students moving steadily, in a planned way, to meet their goals of graduation. In addition, Prof. Subir Chakrabarti of the Department of Economics completed a study called “Lifetime Earnings from a College Degree: Simulations and a Case Study.” His analysis confirmed that total lifetime earnings of college graduates are typically over a million dollars more than those who only complete a high school education.