

Goal 1: Excellence in Teaching and Learning

A. Attract and support a better prepared, more diverse student population

Cooperative Education

Consider the development of an IUPUI model for connecting the academic curriculum with student work experience. Formalize the process and involve faculty. Include work on campus whenever possible. Consider both concurrent work and curricular combinations and more traditional sequential formats for cooperative education. Look at programs at the University of Illinois at Springfield, Drexel, Purdue, and Northeastern as possible models.

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Current Status

- IUPUI has strong and developing internship and campus employment programs that can, and should, be enhanced.
- The success of the various internship programs across the schools has been uneven.

Recommendations

- Now is not the time for IUPUI to undertake a formal broad-based cooperative education program. Instead, we should focus on enhancing internship and campus employment programs. See other Action Plan Team Reports for specific recommendations (i.e., Student Employment, Service Learning and Civic Engagement, and Duplication of Effort).

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