

Goal 2: Excellence in Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity

A. Conduct world-class research and creative activities

Plan and hire foreign adjuncts

Most departments have some of their courses taught by adjunct instructors every semester. By planning in advance, one can invite visiting instructors from abroad for one-semester visits, using instructional funds supplemented by a stipend from a research grant. This takes care of the instructional needs, but also enhances research activity and international collaborations.

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Current Status

- Currently, foreign adjuncts are identified through research contact and come to IUPUI mainly to collaborate on research. They do very little, if any, teaching. More teaching by foreign adjuncts would enhance internationalization efforts at IUPUI.

Recommendations

- Such a program will require scarce resources like salary support, stipends for housing and transportation, and office space. It might be worth creating a pool of central matching funds to support these needs.
- It might be helpful and cost-effective to use foreign adjuncts for instruction delivered via the Internet. This activity would not contribute to IUPUI's research mission, however.
- Lack of continuity in instruction might be a problem; i.e., part-time foreign adjuncts would typically be here for one semester, whereas local adjuncts usually serve for extended periods of time.
- Committee members questioned whether this action item should be a campus priority, given other more compelling needs.

Implementation

- Implementation is left to individual schools, if they believe that this approach would enhance their scholarship and internationalization efforts.

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