

Goal 4: Space Issues

E. Space issues

Capital resources

Possible matching program between the State of Indiana and donors could be attractive. Is this a possibility?

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Current status

- A 2004 CASE (Council for Advancement and Support of Education) report and a 2002 AGB (Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges) report studied government matching fund programs. These efforts are described as “persuasive examples of public-private partnerships, which contribute significantly to the development of innovative funding models for post-secondary institutions.” Such matching fund programs have been successfully attempted in about 25 states, usually for increasing endowment.

Recommendations

- This Action Plan Team was quite focused. It identified a number of state matching grant programs, which should help the IUPUI Office of External Affairs and the IU-wide Division of Public Affairs and Government Relations to determine whether to pursue such legislative action in Indiana.
- The feasibility of such an initiative will depend upon a number of conditions: the state’s fiscal prospects, the positions of legislative leaders on funding for higher education in general and IUPUI in particular, and similar items of “political calculus.”
- If a determination is made to go forward with such an effort, the CASE and AGB reports should provide a useful picture of the range of such programs elsewhere, the amounts of support they have generated, and the nature of the educational activities (faculty support, student scholarships, capital projects, and so on) to which those funds have been directed. Most such programs support general endowments for outstanding faculty hires or student scholarships.

Implementation

- Implementation is left to the discretion of the IUPUI Office of External Affairs and the IU-wide Division of Public Affairs and Government Relations, which will weigh the political factors involved.
- A relatively strong economy and the start of a fundraising campaign provide good opportunities to test whether the legislature would consider state matching.

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