

Goal 4: Enhancement of the Resource Base

E. Space Issues

Space shortage

*Some units (like the School of Science, the School of Liberal Arts, and the units housed in the Administration Building) seem to have severe space problems. Are there possibilities for expansion? Funding sources for new buildings? It could be worthwhile to take a careful look at installing trailers and other inexpensive temporary structures to alleviate severe space shortages, if they are hampering research and teaching activities.**

**Because another Action Plan Team focused specifically on research space, this team decided to focus on teaching space.*

Current status

- Shortages of instructional space (classrooms, teaching laboratories, faculty offices, informal learning spaces) and competition for space are ongoing challenges at IUPUI. Lack of space makes some academic priorities, such as expanding life sciences programs, impossible to fulfill.
- IUPUI lacks space management resources to enable data-driven decisions; professional space planners and space data management are in Bloomington.

Recommendations

- IUPUI should form a Space Management Advisory Council (SMAC) charged with developing a well-informed comprehensive plan, based on core mission and responsive to unit needs. On an ongoing basis, the council would assist administrators with analysis and monitoring of space needs and provide input on space management decisions.
- The SMAC should include an appropriate mix of campus experts and stakeholders, including school representatives and representatives of relevant administrative units.
- The campus should authorize the SMAC to hire a space management consultant to review space utilization and provide “what if” analyses of various uses of campus space resources.

Implementation

- IUPUI administration and Faculty Council appoint SMAC to be convened by the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Facilities.
- The Office of the Registrar develops a draft policy for general inventory classroom scheduling, following the guidelines set forth by Faculty Council when the most recent class time module was implemented. The policy is submitted for Faculty Council approval and used as a basis for space assessment of general inventory classrooms.
- The Office of the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Facilities provides classroom projection study findings and reports on space standards and benchmarks. The AVC also identifies a prospective space management consultant approval by SMAC.