

Goal 4: Enhancement of the Resource Base

G. Faculty issues – recruitment and retention

Faculty Club

Expand use and function of existing Faculty Club. It will improve collegiality and interaction among faculty members from various disciplines and increases the chances of interdisciplinary research proposals.

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Current Status

- The University Faculty Club in Indianapolis, Inc. (UFCI) provides a meeting place for member faculty and staff from IUPUI and other Indiana colleges and universities. Located on the second floor of the University Place Conference Center, the club serves lunch daily, is available for private functions hosted by members, and offers a variety of events and activities open to all IUPUI faculty and staff members to promote community within the university and to stimulate cross-disciplinary discussion.
- The club facilities are in an out-of-the-way location, have a relatively small seating capacity, and do not lend themselves to flexible use. The facilities have not been renovated since the club's establishment almost 20 years ago.

Recommendations

- Move the club to a more accessible and larger space in the old Food Court area of University Place as soon as space becomes available. A dining space able with capacity for 50-60 people and, ideally, outdoor seating, plus a lounge area, would allow the club to expand, as suggested in the recommendation below.
- Expand club activities and hours and increase recruitment efforts to attract wider faculty/staff participation, build faculty/staff community on campus, and support IUPUI's academic mission more effectively. These enhancements would also allow the club to increase membership dues to help finance renovation and expansion.
- Review and update the reciprocal membership agreement with the IUB Faculty Club with an eye to expanded cooperation.

Implementation

- The Faculty Club Board of Directors is currently working with Administration and Finance to develop estimates of the costs of renovating the club under various scenarios (i.e., in the current location and in a larger location in the old Food Court). Estimates will be available in Fall 2007.

Resources

- Estimate expected in Fall 2007.

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