



First Friday.....March 2, 2012

Welcome to the first edition of something I have wanted to do to enhance school-wide communication from the dean's office. I had actually planned to begin this with the new calendar year 2012, but the best plans are sometimes delayed!! IUSD is a very busy place, and it is easy to lose sight of projects and details amid our busy lives. So, I want to highlight a few of the things we continue to do to advance the Vision and Mission of IUSD to make Indiana *one of the best dental schools of the 21st century*.

- **IUSD- International Dental Program**

In February, the IUSD - International Dental Program (IDP) received approval by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) to begin July 2012. The school formally requested and now is authorized to increase enrollment up to 24 IDP students but will phase in the program by starting with 12 students in year one. Recruitment efforts continue for a director. Dr. Michael Kowolik is heading up the Search & Screen Committee. Since a director has not yet been identified, we will probably begin the first cohort of 12 students in January 2013. Reports will be posted on the Faculty Council SharePoint site soon.

- **Building and Facilities Update**

Adam Smith has been working with me, the university planners and architects on preliminary space requirements for our new clinical and research building. Early plans call for about 100,000 gross square feet in a new building to be contained in a 4 story structure (20K sq ft/floor) plus a basement. Look across Michigan Street to get an idea of how big the new building will be by looking at the [new Glick Eye Institute \(77K sq ft\)](#).

- **IDA Dental Education Leadership Summit**

March 24th marks the date for a statewide meeting being convened by the Indiana Dental Association to discuss dental education. The dean's office administrative group will be in attendance as well as IUSD dental hygiene and dental assisting representatives. According to the IDA, it has been several years since the last summit and we are gathering for a discussion on the changes occurring in dental education, scope of practice duties, and work force issues of dental team members. The better the leaders of Indiana dentistry are prepared, and in communication with each other, the better we can provide the highest quality dentistry to the people of the state of Indiana

- **NERB for IUSD Candidates**

This weekend-March 3 and 4th the school is hosting the Northeast Regional Board Examination at IUSD. Best wishes to all of our candidates!!

- **Dental Faculty Practice – Accepting New Patients**

Did you know that IUSD operates an intramural dental practice for the public located on the second floor of the dental school? Anyone is welcome to receive dental care from the doctors who teach our students. The practice is accepting new patients and more information is available [here](#).

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- **ADEA/AADR Meetings in Florida**

Many faculty will be traveling south in a few weeks to attend either [ADEA \(education-Orlando\)](#) or [AADR \(research-Tampa\)](#) meetings in Florida. I complete my 3 year term as Vice-president for the ADEA Council of Deans at the conclusion of the ADEA meeting. Several faculty, resident and student presentations will be made representing the various academic activities conducted by the IUSD community. Our annual IUSD research reception will be held Wednesday, March 21 in Tampa. Thanks to all who are representing IUSD at these two important national meetings.

- **[ADEA Releases Guidelines for Academia-Industry Interactions](#)**

An ADEA Task Force on Academia-Industry Interactions has completed a report which should be of great assistance to all of us. It outlines 10 categories of potential interaction and will assist us to “manage the myriad of federal, state, university and industry policies which now exist to promote integrity, moderate conflicts and promote better education, research and patient care.” Click above to read the report.

- **New IUSD Board of Advisors Established**

In an effort to engage more alumni and friends in the important issues and agenda of our school, we have established an external IUSD Board of Advisors who will hold their first meeting March 9th. The goals of this group are to: provide external advice to the dean; serve as informed advocates for IUSD; learn about the major issues facing the school; and assist us in securing external funding for various projects including a new building.

- **[IUSD Research Day](#)**

Looking ahead to April 16th, (after you get your taxes filed), come explore the wonderful exciting world of dental research and see what things are happening at the dental school to improve diagnosis, treatment and ultimately the quality of patient care. Basic science research is the bedrock of our profession which leads to translational research, and clinical trials. Dr. Martha Somerman, Director of the NIH [National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research](#), will be our guest and featured speaker in the afternoon.

- **IUSD First Friday Factoid**

IUSD has 615 full and part-time faculty, staff and student workers on the payroll as of March 1, 2012 with a total payroll of over \$20.8 million exclusive of benefits.

Thanks to each of you for your dedication and support of the Vision and Mission of IUSD. I'll be back next month with another edition of *First Friday...Dean's Update*.



-John



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