



DEAN'S UPDATE

TO THE IUSD COMMUNITY



First Friday.....December 7, 2012

Fast away the old year of 2012 passes, as we wind down the fall term and look with great expectation to 2013! It has been a particularly busy year as so many people have been participating in the preparation of one or more of our many accreditation self-study documents. Next year, **2013**, is IUSD's year to undergo our comprehensive site visit by representatives of the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). In about ten months (**September 10-12, 2013**), we will bring almost two years of steadfast work to fruition. I appreciate the leadership of Dr. Christianne Guba as well as your hard work and the dedication with which you have embraced the task of conducting an in depth review of each educational program. Using our own self-study findings and recommendations as well as initiatives we take up under the IUSD New Academic Directions, we will advance our Mission and the Vision of IUSD to make Indiana..... *one of the best dental schools of the 21st century.*

Wishing each of you a Happy Holiday Season!

- **IUSD New Academic Directions – The Journey Begins**

This fall, as part of the September Faculty Enrichment program, I presented a [comprehensive outline](#) of the background, rationale and opportunities for IUSD to engage in serious planning for our future under the title of New Academic Directions. Following the fall teaching conference, several of you have asked me about the process for the Faculty Council to be actively working on IUSD New Academic Directions—does the faculty prepare something or does the dean? After conferring with the IUSD Faculty Executive Committee, I will be preparing a draft document of IUSD New Academic Directions for in depth review, analysis and approval by the Faculty Council. This will probably happen in a series of presentations to various faculty groups. On January 2nd, I will present a number of structural changes we need to make to enhance the DDS program as well as suggested changes for all other academic programs too. A major focus of this process will be to settle on a consistent and rational method of assessing our outcomes which we can cite to confirm our Vision statement.....*IUSD will be one of the best dental schools of the 21st century.*

- **IUSD- International Dental Program**

In February 2012, the IUSD - International Dental Program (IDP) received approval by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) to begin July 2013. The school formally requested and is now authorized to increase enrollment up to 24 IDP students. We will begin with a phase-in of the program by starting with 12 students in year one effective July 1, 2013. [Dr. Melanie Peterson](#) is serving as our initial program director and has established our electronic application service through [ADEA CAPPID](#) (Centralized Application for Advanced Placement for International Dentists). More updates in January.

- **New Dental Building and Facilities Update**

Facilities changes will continue into 2013 as we prepare for our CODA site visit. Patient lounges will be upgraded on floors 3 and 4 plus the lecture halls in ds114 and ds115 will be totally upgraded beginning in March 2013. Exterior limestone repairs and enhancements will also be made so we will look nice!

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Thanks to Adam Smith and his facilities team, we are working with the university planners and architects on space requirements for our **new clinical and research building**. Plans call for about 85,000 to 100,000 gross square feet in a new building to be contained in a multi-storied structure with a covered patient drop off area and covered walkway from the dental school to the Vermont garage. We are planning an open atrium too, to link the old buildings with the new. A big step has been taken by IU in that the University has placed this project on the [Capital Request list 2013-15](#) (see page 151 School of Dentistry-Phase 1) which has been submitted to the state of Indiana Commission on Higher Education which must approve all projects regardless of funding. **This is huge progress!** Our Building Steering Committee has been assembled and will begin in earnest working with us to identify and invite donors (alumni, friends, foundations etc.) who are willing to step up and make the necessary philanthropic investments (minimal Phase 1 fundraising goal of 10%-- \$3million) of the total \$30million Phase 1 project. Look across Michigan Street to get an idea of how big the new building might be by looking at the [new Glick Eye Institute](#).

- **General Practice Residency Program**

We have made the decision to suspend enrollment for the GPR program effective June 30, 2013. The rationale for this decision is the uncertainty around revenue sources particularly from the Wishard group as the country moves forward with health care reform. The dental school will maintain support for Wishard patients but in an alternative arrangement to be determined in the coming months. Residents currently enrolled in the program will complete the program by June 30, 2013.

- **Fifth Dimension to Vertical Dimension**

Did you know that IUSD now has its own student singing group! Those of us from the 60" and 70's remember the Fifth Dimension group and those in clinical care know about the challenges of the vertical dimension but [click here](#) to see and hear the debut performance of the IUSD student group calling themselves the Vertical Dimension. Bravo to our student leadership and artistic creativity to assemble this group! Who knows, we might even have some music scholarships available in the future to support this talented group of budding professionals. The Vertical Dimensions debuted during ASDA Vendor Day.

- **January Clinical Faculty Orientation – JW Marriott**

Clinical faculty will be attending the January 2, 2013 Spring Semester Orientation at the JW Marriott hotel. In addition to providing program updates, we will be doing some assessment of faculty regarding the clinical relevance of medical conditions in the daily provision of dental care and Axium assessment.

- **IUSD Holiday Breakfast-December 12, 2012 7:30am**

Come join the holiday fun on Wednesday, December 12th 7:30 to 9:30 when we will celebrate a festive holiday breakfast being served in the Student Lounge – lower level. Food, fun and some holiday prizes!!

Thank you for your continued dedication and support of the Vision and Mission of IUSD. I'll be back next year with the 2013 January edition of *First Friday...Dean's Update*.

Wishing each of you a Happy Holiday Season!



-John



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