



ADVISOR UPDATE

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From the President's Keyboard



IAAN Mission

The Indiana Academic Advising Network (IAAN) is an organization of professionals from colleges and universities concerned with the intellectual, personal, and career or vocational advising needs of students within the State of Indiana. IAAN was founded to foster the personal and professional development of its members by promoting quality academic advising in the state. It is a forum for discussion, debate, and the exchange of ideas regarding academic advising and related areas of higher education.

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From the President's Keyboard....

Yes, ladies and gentlemen, spring is just around the corner and our snowy, cold winter will help us appreciate it even more than usual. With spring we have the grand expectation of the IAAN State Conference scheduled for May 16, 2003 at Purdue North Central in Westville. Soon you will be receiving information about workshops and registration. Plan to attend and bring your colleagues. They will thank you for the invitation

Our Regional Representatives have been busy increasing membership and speaking out for academic advising across the state. Of course, they can use all the help they can get so go on line to identify your Regional IAAN Representative and see how you can get involved close to home. Your participation in IAAN is welcome and valuable. Don't be shy. ☺

Membership in IAAN may become easier for many of you. The Board of Directors of IAAN has approved an institutional membership. Read on and consider joining with colleagues from your campus.

Remember to use the IAAN website at <http://iaan.indiana.edu>. Dave Chalfant, chair of the State Affairs Committee, is working to keep us informed on the events in the State House that affect higher education in Indiana. Find out what is happening and contribute information to

Dave from your campus.

Best wishes for a warm spring and happy conferencing.

Joanne

NEW ! Institutional Membership

In order to encourage increased membership from the same institution, IAAN's Board of Director's approved an institutional membership policy. The fee structure is designed to pay five (5) memberships and the sixth (6th) membership is free. The funds are submitted in a single payment and the members are identified at the same time. Simply copy the form inside as needed and send to the IAAN Treasurer. Each identified member through the institutional membership receives a single vote in IAAN business decisions and is eligible to hold office according to the by-laws. Sample fee structure:
\$75—6 memberships
\$150—12 memberships
\$225—18 memberships, etc.

CONFERENCES

IAAN STATE CONFERENCE 2003

By Barb Birchfield, Purdue University North Central, Westville, Indiana

Where will you be on May 16, 2003? The advisors at Purdue North Central hope that you will be joining us for the IAAN State Conference. The theme this year is "ARE WE LISTENING?" Often as advisors, we come in to the advising situation with our own agendas and pre-conceived ideas about how best to serve both our internal and external customers. Are we really listening to the changes that are going on around us, or are we sticking to the notions that we already have?

Wes Habley will be the Keynote speaker and will be speaking on the changes in demographics and how that effects our advising situations. Wes comes from ACT and is on the NACADA list of professional advisor speakers.

There will be 6 break out sessions to choose from. They include:

- A panel of Human Resource personnel speaking on what the work force is looking for in a new employee.
- A panel of students speaking on what they need from the advising situation
- Mario Rosa, an advocate for the Hispanic population in LaPorte County will speak on cultural differences and how to address these differences.
- Dr. Debra Taub from Purdue West Lafayette will speak on the developmental stages of the college student.
- Dr. Scott Smithson, Professor of Communications at PNC, will speak on how to enhance our listening techniques.
- Dr. Linda Duttlinger, Professor at PNC, will speak on techniques to assist students to overcome test taking anxiety.

Accommodations have been made at the Hampton Inn for those of you needing to stay over night on Thursday, May 15. A hospitality room for IAAN has been set up and social activities are being planned including an outing to Lake Michigan and to the Light House Mall.

For further information and to make reservations, please go to the IAAN website: iaan@indiana.edu or contact Barb at barbarab@purdue.edu.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES !

SPRING 2003

March, 23-25, Madison, WI NACADA Great Lakes Regional Conference

(Joint with North Central Region),
The 2003 conference is the first-ever joint Region 5 & 6 conference. It will bring together administrators, faculty advisers, and professional advisers from Ohio to Nebraska and from Canada to Iowa. Attendees will have opportunity to participate in presentations or discussion sessions that feature technology, research, and basic advising applications. The conference theme is:

Allies for Success.

For more information check the Region 5/6 Conference website <http://matcmadison.edu/NACADA/>

FALL 2003

October 2nd-5th, Dallas, TX 27th NACADA National Conference



2004 IAAN STATE CONFERENCE

IAAN Members from BALL STATE UNIVERSITY have volunteered to host the state conference in 2004.

Members from other institutes are encouraged to put their own institution in the spotlight by hosting future STATE CONFERENCES.

Join other educators from across North America and the world this summer in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada for the **Sixteenth International Conference on The First-Year Experience, July 7-10, 2003**. The conference will convene higher educators from around the globe who are highly motivated to share ideas, research findings, and programmatic interventions designed to enhance the first-year experience for students throughout the world.

For more information on the conference, pre-conference workshops, registration and other information, visit the conference link at: www.sc.edu/fye

Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis is proud to serve as the host of the Eight Annual Conference on **Learning Communities and Collaboration: Student Learning and Engagement in Learning Communities**.

The conference will be held in Indianapolis November 5-7, 2003.

Call for Proposals is posted at <http://LCC.uc.iupui.edu>.

Reports from IAAN members

A forum for IAAN members (or non-members) to discuss and inform other members about programs, conferences or other events.

Report on the First NACADA Academic Advising Administrators' Institute

By Mark Razor, University of Southern Indiana, Evansville

I thought many of you in IAAN may be interested in hearing about the newest NACADA institute. Billed as "the only professional development opportunity focused specifically on the issues facing academic advising administrators," the institute brought 210 administrators from around the country together in San Antonio, TX to network and work on improving their advising programs.

Packed into two and a half days from February 12-14, the institute had a unique format that was very practical and action-oriented. At the heart of that format were eight facilitators, each experienced advising administrators and long-time NACADA members, who teamed up to provide three plenary sessions entitled:

- Planning, Organizing, and Delivering Successful Academic Advising Programs
- Tending to Details: Academic Advising Operations
- Accountability and Compliance: Assessment, Evaluation, and Policy Issues in Academic Advising Administration

Each plenary session was followed by small group discussions led by the facilitators. To keep the discussions focused and useful, each participant was asked to develop and work on an "action plan," that addressed a specific problem or concern at his or her institution. So the very general and theoretical plenary sessions led to very specific small group discussions about very real problems and concerns. At each small group session, there was another step assigned toward completion of your action plan. The net effect was like getting the consulting services of dozens of experts and at the same time getting to offer useful, practical advice to help others with their problems.

Needless to say, some great bonds were formed and networks created or extended that will be of great service to everyone involved.

Response to the initial announcements about the institute was so great that capacity was soon reached, and a second institute immediately following the first was scheduled to accommodate the overflow. This indicates the institute will likely become an annual event, so check the NACADA website in the months to come for more information about the next Academic Advisors Administrators' Institute.

NEW

IAAN LIST-L listserv

By Steve Wietstock , Indiana University, Bloomington

Welcome to the IAAN-L listserv. This listserv will be utilized to relay messages of interest to the IAAN membership. This list is moderated in an effort to reduce the amount of extraneous email that is often found on other lists. You are welcome to post questions and information to this list, job postings at your institution of interest to advisors, and other items of interest. You will also receive communications from the Board of Directors regarding the work of IAAN or requests for action (especially regarding legislative issues related to higher education).

Your listserv owners are:

- Charlotte Miller, IAAN Membership Chair, cmiller@indiana.edu
- Steven Wietstock, IAAN Webmaster, swietsto@indiana.edu
- IAAN-L archives: <http://listserv.indiana.edu/archives/iaan-l.html>
- To Post a message, send it to iaan-l@listserv.indiana.edu

Legislative Update

By Dave Chalfant, Ball State University

I was recently appointed by Joanne Evers to serve on the IAAAN board. My charge is to keep IAAAN members informed of State Affairs as they relate to higher education, and to establish connections with other professional organizations and groups in Indiana that are involved in higher education. I'm sure we are all concerned where funding for higher education will fall when state dollars are allocated this year. With that in mind, I wanted to share with you some developments related to the Governor's Biennial Budget. Here are some excerpts taken from a legislative update from Ball State's Office of Governmental Relations:

On Thursday, January 9, 2003, the Governor's Biennial Budget recommendation was presented to the State Budget Committee. The recommendation was hailed by some legislators as a "good start." However, the impact of the cuts contained in this recommendation will be difficult for institutions of higher education and other governmental bodies to manage. Budget Director Marilyn Schultz, a former vice president and treasurer at Indiana State University, made it very clear that she delivered the recommendations with a heavy heart. She also offered to work with others to find ways to address educational needs in the budget. Although she is in a very difficult position, she is an important ally for all of us who work in Indiana's public education institutions.

A synopsis of the governor's budget recommendation, as it pertains to higher education, is as follows:

1. Operating appropriations are flat-lined at the Fiscal Year 2003 level, as set forth in the Governor's 2002 Deficit Management Plan. This represents a decrease in total state higher education spending of about \$40 million annually, since the 2002 Deficit Management Plan already cut university operating budgets by 3 ½ percent.
2. Funding for enrollment increases are not provided. In other words, the budget contains no new funding for additional students attending or any state university. This is a major loss for every growing campus in the state.
3. There is no recommendation for technology funding for Indiana's public universities.
4. The higher education General Repair and Rehabilitation (R&R) Funding is set at 25 percent of the amount of the established

formula, a decrease of \$45.1 million in state appropriations for all universities from the last biennium.

5. There is no provision for the construction of new buildings on any state campus. Initial prospects do not look very encouraging; however, this is but the first step in a very long budget process. The governor's proposal will first go to the House Ways and Means Committee for action. Ways and Means Chairman, Bill Crawford, has already announced that he and his committee will be making substantial changes in this proposal. The proposal, after clearing Ways and Means, will then go to the House floor for further modifications. After passage by the House, the budget must then be reviewed by the Senate Finance Committee, pass through Senate Finance, and then go to the Senate floor. All House budget proposals are subject to substantial modifications when they are heard by the Senate.

Once the budget bill passes the Senate, it will be assigned to a Conference Committee to work out the differences between the House and Senate versions. Because of the difficulties created by the state's financial condition, much of this work may take place during a special session that could extend well into the summer.

It is our hope that with each step, we can attempt to make the proposal a little more favorable to Indiana's public institutions of higher education. Governor O'Bannon, Budget Director Schultz, Way and Means Chairman Crawford, Senate Finance Chairman Borst and other legislators want to enhance this original proposal. They are all well-intentioned people who know how important it is for higher education to prepare its best young citizens for successful futures. There are serious issues with some of the budget proposals that do concern many legislators. Indiana's public institutions will be working together in this legislative session to help address the higher education funding shortfalls. It is our hope that by working together with legislators in addressing some of these issues, we can make substantial improvements in the governor's original proposal. Some of the areas that need to be re-considered are as follows:

1. While all of education is being cut, the governor proposes to add more than \$34 million in new spending for Indiana's prisons. Indiana leads the nation in job losses.

We must train our youth and retrain our out-of-work adults to secure new jobs and flourish in the future high-tech, international economy. Investing less in education and more in prisons is taking our state in the wrong direction. If our citizens have a better economic future, then fewer of them will have prison in their future.

2. The State Student Assistance Commission proposes to give grants to private higher education students that would include not only the level of public tuition, but would also add to that amount the state appropriation that public institutions would have received in the past for new students (\$3,300 per student). I cannot envision that the General Assembly will start funding new students in private schools, while not funding new students in public schools. I hope that our legislators will reconsider this proposal.

3. The governor's proposal does not provide for any general tax increases or any delay of tax cuts. Commencing this year, unless modified by the General Assembly, the Indiana property taxpayers will receive a tax cut of \$1.1 billion.

I do not anticipate an attempt to eliminate the property tax cut, since the sales tax was increased last year; however, many legislators are discussing the option of temporarily delaying the implementation of a portion of the property tax cut. Does it make sense to enact a billion-dollar tax cut, while providing no state funding for new university students and less funding for the state's existing students?

David has a B.S. in Business from Ball State, M.S. in Education from I. U. He is currently an academic advisor at Ball State (since July, 2002). Prior to coming to Ball State, David was at Ivy Tech in Indianapolis for 7 years (5 in academic advising, 2 as manager of testing). While at Ivy Tech, he served as the NACADA Liaison for 2 years, and a IAAAN board member for 3 years. David has an 8 year old daughter and resides in Muncie, where he enjoys exercise, sports, music and the outdoors.

Outstanding Indiana Advisor Award

Indiana Academic Advising Network

2002-2003

The Outstanding Indiana Advisor Award was created to recognize the importance of academic advising at colleges and universities in the state of Indiana. Recipients of the award will be recognized at the annual state conference. This award will be given to a faculty advisor and a professional advisor who has made significant contributions to the field of academic advising through the criteria outlined below. The selection committee will be made up of experienced advisors from throughout the state.

AWARD CRITERIA

The selection committee will evaluate nominations on the evidence of effective advising qualities and practices that distinguish the nominee as an outstanding academic advisor. Such evidence may include, but is not necessarily limited to, the following:

- IAAN member for at least one year
- Demonstration of a professional attitude toward advisees
- Effective interpersonal skills
- Availability to advisees
- Evidence of active involvement in helping students achieve career and academic goals
- Use of information resources and referral agencies
- Evidence of professional development such as attendance at seminars and professional conferences

NOMINATION FORM

NOMINEE

Name _____ Phone _____
Department _____ E-mail _____
Campus Address _____ Fax _____

NOMINATOR

Name _____ Phone _____
Department _____ E-mail _____
Campus Address _____ Fax _____

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO INCLUDE (maximum nine pages):

1. Nominator's Letter
2. Vita/Resume
3. Support Statements
4. Nominee's Personal Statement of Advising Philosophy
5. Brief biography/ personal statement written by the nominee. All nominees will be honored in the newsletter.

PLEASE RETURN NOMINATION

MATERIALS TO:

IAAN Outstanding Advisor Committee
c/o Kay Solomon
Department of Mechanical Engineering Technology
1417 Knoy Hall
Purdue University
West Lafayette, IN

DEADLINE: Friday, April 4, 2003

CALLING INDIANA ADVISORS

Outstanding Indiana Advisor Award

By Kay Solomon

Think for a moment about all the talented advisors with whom you work. Wouldn't it be wonderful to reward them for their efforts? You can! The IAAN Board of Directors has established an Outstanding Advisor Award for IAAN members. This award is available to either professional advisors or faculty advisors. The deadline for nominations is April 4. The winner of the IAAN award will be forwarded for consideration for the NACADA Outstanding Advising Award. This is the first year for the award. The Board of Directors encourages IAAN members to nominate fellow advisors for this award! It's a great way to honor the hard work and dedication of your fellow advisors! The winner of the award will be announced at the state conference. The application form for the IAAN Outstanding Advisor Award is available in this newsletter and also at the IAAN web site at <http://iaan.indiana.edu>.

IAAN Professional Development Grant Program

By Kay Solomon

The IAAN Professional Development Committee announces the availability of the Professional Development Grant. This is a funding opportunity for IAAN members who would like financial support for a professional development activity. IAAN has made \$250 available to IAAN members for professional development activities. Advising related conferences, purchasing advising manuals or monographs, attending classes targeted on improving advising skills are some examples of opportunities that are usually funded for deserving candidates. Members can apply for the entire amount or any portion of it.

The application form is available on IAAN web site. <http://iaan.indiana.edu>

To become a n IAAN member, or to renew an existing membership, please send e-mail to Karen Sutton at KSutton@indian.vinu.edu

Editor's Corner

Dear Advisors and Educators,

Excitement abounds in the advising community right now, and the pile up of snow and sleet does not diminish it. This is because the time for NACADA Regional Conference 2003 is approaching fast. Advisors from Indiana get to meet their counterparts from Ohio, Wisconsin, Iowa, Canada... Once again, they get to exchange good ideas and practices pertaining to academic advising with people who share their enthusiasm. And collegiality and fellowships abound at these conferences! This time the regional conference is particularly exciting for IAAN members because IAAN is one of the sponsors of the conference. This is an invaluable opportunity to showcase the wonderful efforts being spearheaded by IAAN and to show our support for the important role that advising plays in the educational experience of students. This sponsorship involves a small financial commitment and we are happy to announce that our organization has grown sufficiently in the past year to be able to sustain it. The IAAN Board of Directors has approved a donation of \$200 towards the sponsorship. Other organizations such as The Wisconsin Academic Advising Association (WACADA) are also assuming a part of the sponsorship. An informal gathering at breakfast or dinner is being planned for IAAN advisors .

So come on in and join in the fun at Madison, Wisconsin on March 23-25, whether or not you are making formal presentations. Gather new ideas, renew your advising skills, and share them with other fellow advisors at the IAAN STATE CONFERENCE on May 16. See you soon,

Sangita Handa, shanda@purdue.edu.