Indiana State University
2005 - 2006 Academic Annual Report
Department of Health, Safety, & Environmental Health Sciences

Year in Review

Accomplishments

As you have heard, increasing public awareness of Indiana State University’s accomplishments is crucial to building student enrollment, influencing policy makers, and developing a place of pre-eminence in the Midwest. What do you consider to be your department’s accomplishments for the 2006-2007 year that will contribute to this effort? [Please list in priority order and limit to no more than 8.]

1. Safety management students from the Dept of Health, Safety and Environmental Health Sciences received more national scholarships from the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) than any other university in the nation (three in 2004 and five in 2005 amounting to over $13K) 2. Our graduate Occupational Safety Management program is taking steps to become a web-based program. This greatly increases the potential of growing the program in both numbers and quality of students. 3. The department conducted four refereed publications in 2005, and 7 regional and national presentations. 4. The Environmental Health program began collaboration with Sullivan County Health Department to inspect and certify more than 100 food establishments in the county. 5. The Environmental Health program received a $6,500 grant from AEHAP to recruit students. 6. The Environmental Health program developed the course HLTH 201 - Introduction to Aviation Environmental Management. 7. Dr. Drabczyk is pursuing the possibility of offering a Certificate in Emergency Management with encouragement from the state and the Provost's office. 8. Over 400 students were educated in the Learn to Drive Programs, and the Drivers Ed courses are now offered via Satellite and the web.

Strategic Initiatives

Community Engagement I

Please summarize your faculty’s efforts in community engagement this year.

The department of Health, Safety and Environmental Health Sciences has programs that are by their nature engaged in our community. Examples include: 1. Our Community Health Promotion students are involved in student teaching projects in the community. 2. Many of our Safety Management students fulfill their internship obligations in Vigo County. 3. Our Drivers' Education Program is an entrepreneur effort that reaches many High School and other students locally. 4. We have applied (and received in 2006) for a Faculty Fellow Lilly Grant to "Partner with Local Industry for Safety Excellence." Groundwork has been established to work with a local factory in Terre Haute.

Future Goals

The University is highlighting experiential learning, community engagement, and eminent programs as aspects of our campus that will attract students and resources. How is your department planning to contribute to these strategic initiatives in ways that will help ISU be recognized as a Pre-eminent University?

1. We plan to combine our Community Health Promotion and Health Education programs into one
program. This will make for a stronger program overall. 2. We are taking steps to make our graduate Occupational Safety Management Program a web-based program. A goal is to accomplish this by Fall 2008. 3. We are looking at the possibility of offering a Certificate in Emergency Management.

Feedback

This section is to allow you to share your ideas for enhancing enrollment or dealing with budget and other challenges facing the administration.