

Indiana State University

2005 - 2006 Administrative Annual Report

General Education

Year in Review

Achievements

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 2006-07 year that will contribute to this effort? (Please list in priority order and limit to no more than 8.)

1. Initiated assessment of General Education Capstone courses. 2. Operationalized and implemented revision to Quantitative Literacy requirement. 3. Conducted review of General Education courses for program prioritization. 4. Began work on simplifying completion of General Education requirements for students entering with associate degrees. 5. Recommended approval of the following Capstone Courses: PSY 485 - Psychology and Society, AFRI 470 - Racial Expression in African American Culture. 6. Coordinator participated in the Task Force on the First Year (TAFY) as a resource person.

Enrollment

What steps did you take this year to aid ISU in overcoming enrollment challenges?

1. Began work on simplifying transfer of general education credits from associate degree programs. 2. Created separate code for transfer of college algebra to satisfy general education quantitative literacy requirement.

Assessment

What are two ways in which you evaluated the quality or effectiveness in your area last year? What changes did you make based on those assessments?

1. The General Education Council reviewed all general education courses to recommend elimination of courses from GE inventory based on criteria primarily related to centrality to GE goals, enrollment, and frequency of offering. Recommendations were provided to CAAC and are incorporated into the program prioritization process. 2. Conducted surveys in Spring 2006 in GE Capstone courses. Data from these surveys is not yet analyzed.

Budget

As you know, ISU is facing significant budget challenges. Finding ways to overcome these while increasing efficiency requires innovation. How are you overcoming your budget challenges this year?

The GE budget was reduced by \$25,000 for 2006-2007. The coordinator's and administrative assistant's positions were reduced to 9-month, half-time (with 1 course-equivalent summer stipend for the coordinator).

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Have you considered any action steps your department could make to enhance Indiana State University's reputation as a University of choice? If so, please indicate what you are planning to do and tell us which area of planning your steps fall under.

EM - continue assessment of GE program IE - Assure/enhance quality of GE program so that students will have a better appreciation of the role of liberal education as a part of their overall college experience. Assessment should also enhance enrollment to the extent that it helps increase retention.