

# Indiana State University

2006 - 2007 Administrative Annual Report

African-American Cultural Center

## Vision Statement

### View/Modify Vision

**The following is your vision statement loaded from previous submissions. Some administrative units, but not all, may wish to revise their vision statements based on the direction of the University toward pre-eminence. If this pertains to you, then please make changes in the box below:**

To maintain and enhance historical and contemporary awareness of African American culture as it relates to the students, faculty, staff, and other stakeholders. To develop and provide opportunities for African American students to involve themselves in creating, innovating, designating, and deciding cultural programs relevant to them. To create a learning environment conducive for students, administrators, faculty members, and citizens of the Terre Haute community to understand, recognize and appreciate the contributions made by African American people. To coordinate efforts with existing programs and departments; to provide an atmosphere conducive for relevant psychological and social needs of African American students; provide an educational experience in areas of African American history and culture, problems of African American development, and race relations issues. To coordinate efforts with existing programs and departments and to provide direct service to persons and groups who can affect change needed to make our society a radically just. To promote academic excellence for African American students through establishment of more academically oriented programs and activities.

## 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. The Black Leadership Conference. This conference was developed to offer students a unique opportunity to engage in leadership development, through academic, professional and social success. The conference brought in students from Kalamazoo Valley Community College, Kalamazoo, MI; students from the University of St. Francis, Fort Wayne, IN; students from Vincennes, IN; and from IUPUI in Indianapolis. 2. The development of the Minority Student Organizational Fair. The organizational fair allows incoming minority students the opportunity to speak with representatives from student organizations at Indiana State University with reference to their organization. Representatives from Planned Parenthood, Terre Haute Bus Company, the Minority Health Coalition, churches, and area businesses also participated in this event.

### Enrollment

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

Worked with the Office of Admissions by talking with minority students considering enrollment at Indiana State University. Also, the African American Cultural Center hosted students from the

Christamoor House in Indianapolis, IN considering enrollment at Indiana State University.

### 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?**

The African American Cultural Center developed a survey card that asked students, faculty, staff, and the community what they thought about the program(s) that the African American Cultural Center sponsored, if the program(s) was informational, and their recommendations. Based on the responses of the cards, the quality of programming was extremely effective. Another way that programs were evaluated was through attendance.

### 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?**

With the budget challenges facing Indiana State University, the African American Cultural Center collaborated with other departments to sponsor quality programs. This year, the Center co-sponsored events with the Office of Diversity/Affirmative, Human Rights Day Commission, and the Department of African and African American Studies.

### **Quality**

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**Please provide 1-2 suggestions to increase the ability of your department or the University to meet the criteria above.**

1. The African American Cultural Center would like to be more actively involved with the Office of Admissions in the recruitment of African American students. We would encourage of Office of Admissions to make the African American Cultural Center a regular stop when families and students visit Indiana State University. 2. We would like to be included in the discussion of how to increase the number of African American student on campus.

### Feedback

**This section is to allow you to share your ideas for enhancing enrollment, dealing with budget and other challenges facing the university community.**

The African American Cultural Center will continue our Outreach Program which encourages African American students to consider Indiana State University in their higher education plan. We believe that the Ebony Majestic Choir are recruiting ambassadors in their home communities. Our choir is one of the most active and largest student organizations on campus. Our budget has remained stable for the last several years. We will continue to be good stewards of our limited resources. Our goal is always to present Indiana State University, its staff, its faculty, and its students in a positive way. It is to no ones advantage for us or anyone to be negative and critical of this great insitution.