Columbus Campus to Host Adjunct Faculty Conference

Mark your calendars!!

Ivy Tech – Columbus will host the 2008 Adjunct Faculty Conference the weekend of April 19th. The Conference Host Committee includes: Dr. Clarence White (Chair), Jeff Tokuda, Maxine Adkins-Littrell, John Roberts and Pam Vincent. Additional information regarding the conference will be made available in the near future.

IIS/Banner Update: Celebrating Another Milestone

Ivy Tech Community College continues to implement its new Integrated Information System (IIS). The new system, called Banner will replace the College’s mainframe systems. The new system will offer many benefits to faculty, staff and students. Some of those benefits include: availability 24 hours a day, seven days a week, increased user-friendliness, and improved service.

Implementation of the new system will occur in six phases. The finance area completed its implementation or “go live” of Banner in July 2007 and the admissions area completed its “go live” on September 17, 2007. Staff members in finance and admissions have spent numerous hours, including weekends to help ensure a smooth transition to the new system.

For additional information regarding the new Integrated Information System process, go to: http://www.ivytech.edu/iis

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New Student Transfer Resources

Two new transfer resources are available to students via the Web. Based upon the work of Shelley Parson, Assistant Director for Student Advising at the Ft. Wayne campus and the British Columbia Council on Admissions and Transfer, a new channel has been developed within Campus Connect under the Courses tab.

Faculty and Students can access the step-by-step guide to transfer information, as well as access the state of Indiana’s TransferIN website (http://www.transferin.net). TransferIN will assist students in determining which classes transfer from Ivy Tech to four-year colleges and universities.
Ivy Tech Community College’s Annual Tech Day

The 2007 Annual Ivy Tech Community College Tech Day is being hosted on the Richmond campus on Friday, October 26th. The event will be held in Johnson Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This conference is open to any Ivy Tech employee, but participants must register in advance. Each session is designed to present a topic of interest and then leave sufficient time for questions/answers and information sharing among participants.

If you are interested in attending, please visit the Tech Day site http://www.ivytech.edu/techday and complete the registration (http://www.ivytech.edu/techday/registration) no later than October 12th.

This will allow for the scheduling of topics to appropriately sized rooms, preparation of name badges, and ordering lunches. Your lunch and refreshments are being provided through the generosity of the Ivy Tech Foundation and our vendor partners. There is no registration fee for this event.

Distance Education Welcomes Two New Staff Members

With continued growth in Distance Education enrollment, the Office of Provost has hired two new staff members to coordinate the College’s continued effort. Dr. Kara Monroe, previously from the Richmond campus, has been hired as the Executive Director of the Center for Instructional Technology. Kara’s responsibilities include providing leadership for the College’s distance education offerings and oversight for the operations of the Center for Instructional Technologies.

Additionally, Robbie Morse has been hired an Instructional Designer. Robbie was previously employed at the University of Indianapolis. Robbie’s responsibilities include coordinating the development of the Statewide Course Library.

Adjunct Faculty Development Update

Through the Lilly Endowment’s grant initiative to Recruit and Retain Intellectual Capital, the College has been engaged in developing resources to support adjunct faculty in their role. Several of the statewide Committee’s recommendations have been endorsed by the College. Over the next few months, campuses will work to develop and implement the following:

- As standard practice, adjunct faculty should be invited and encouraged to participate in campus/regional activities, as appropriate, including but not limited to: commencement, committees, faculty meetings, etc.
- Provide adjunct faculty with access to necessary classroom items.
- Upon initial employment, each newly hired adjunct faculty member will be provided a “Welcome Kit” of classroom items that support student learning and adjunct faculty retention. Items may include, but are not limited to dry-erase markers, staplers, paper clips, etc.
- Each region, where applicable, should when possible develop a faculty network plan with surrounding institutions, graduate programs and other appropriate entities to facilitate the recruitment and sharing of adjunct faculty.
- Each region will adopt an adjunct faculty mentoring program that is offered to all newly hired adjunct faculty.