

## Professional Council Meeting 02/13/2015

**In Attendance:** Chad Beanblossom, Carla Bowen, Beth Brockman, Liz Ferris, Logan Halley, Amy Jarecki, Kristan Kanorr, Lauren Little, KT Lowe, Mary Mahank, Carrie Reisner, Jamie Rippey, Larry Scott, Michael Scott, Kyle Wright.

Chad Beanblossom opened the meeting by introducing Chancellor Kathy Cruz-Uribe. The Chancellor said she would entertain any questions now or after agenda items since she planned to stay for the entire meeting.

Liz Ferris shared it was a busy time in Career Services. She gave the background on Day 71 countdown which kicks off on March 5. From 1-4 there will be a Gradapalooza in Springwood Hall. Herff-Jones, Financial Aid, and other resources important to soon-to-be graduates will have tables at the event. Then from 4-5, will be the Senior Toast in the Community room. Each senior in attendance will receive a champagne flute filled with sparkling cider to toast and then keep the flute as a gift.

Additionally, Liz mentioned two upcoming career fairs. On March 30 from 1:30-3:30, there will be a Nursing Career Fair in the Hayes Atrium area outside the Library. On March 31 there will be the **4 Colleges Career Fair** at Reid Hospital & Health Care Services. The four colleges are Indiana University East, Purdue College of Technology, Ivy Tech, and Earlham. This fair will have information on internships, part-time, and full-time employment opportunities. Bachelor's and Master's Degree program representatives will be in attendance. Students can see who is attending by going to the Eventbrite address <https://4-colleges-career-fair-2015.eventbrite.com>

Liz concluded with mentioning IU East CareerLink located at <http://www.iue.edu/ucollege/career/> . There is a student login portal and then students may view internships, part-time, and career positions.

Michael Scott announced there will be Professional Clothing Warehouse days on March 25-26. Students may come and get free professional clothes suitable for interviews. Students will also be able to get professional headshots for Linked In accounts.

In addition, Michael mentioned the Career Kiosk which is in the Graf every two weeks. This is a new method of reaching students where they are. Michael has helped a handful of students, but is looking for ways to increase student usage of the Kiosk. Lauren Little suggested she may add it as a "passport" requirement for her career development class.

Amy Jarecki announced that IU East is partnering with Higher Education Solutions to help students navigate the student loan repayment process. This service is for any current or former IU East student with student loans. This service is free to students and helps students who are in delinquent/default status, as well as, any student who would like additional help navigating the student loan repayment process. Their number is 855-210-3543.

Larry Scott and Jamie Rippey discussed the idea of starting a First Generation Student Club. They acknowledged that it needs to be student driven. They discussed how it may help with retention. Amy Jarecki advised that there is currently a student who is working with Rebeckah Hester to start a Twenty-

first Century Scholars Club. Amy advised there will potentially be overlap among members, but First Generation Club would encompass more students.

Larry Scott mentioned on February 28, SSS students will be going to the Freedom Center and Underground Museum in Cincinnati. They are leaving at 10:00 AM and taking a Wolf bus. There are some extra tickets and they would like to offer the tickets to potential chaperones. In addition, March is Disability Awareness Month. Larry has contacted the state for some materials and hopes to have a table up in March to increase awareness. He would like to have a Transitional Fair geared towards families and students with disabilities. This fair would provide resources and information to families and students as to how the student can transition, access, and be successful in higher education environment. Larry stated it may be too ambitious, but he would like to have this fair at the end of March.

Carrie Reisner announced she applied for an ICHE grant and it was granted for \$55,000. Carrie will be contacting other stakeholders on campus so they can meet and discuss.

Kathy wrapped up the meeting with discussing IU East's default rate and how it is a campus issue which takes all of us to tackle. Kathy spoke of how the numbers are a lagging indicator and we are hoping we have seen a plateau and we will now see a decline. In addition to default rates, graduation rates were discussed. Amy shared graduation rates are posted on the confirmation page when students file a FAFSA and list IU East as a school. Kathy mentioned meeting a successful IU East graduate in Washington, DC. This student spoke of how it took him a while to get his degree, but it was worth it. Kathy pointed out this student is a success story but would not be counted as such because he did not graduate within a 6 year period.