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The University Advancement staff members, who work on public relations, have been transferred to work under the Information Technology department.

The change comes after Chancellor Sandra Patterson-Randles made a decision to eliminate Susan Griffin, vice chancellor of University Advancement. Griffin held the position for about 13 months.

Patterson-Randles sent an e-mail to the faculty and staff members that week explaining the decision was made because of "our need to cut administrative operating expenses, our desire to fund critical needs in other areas and the lack of new funding to meet these needs."

These needs are the result

of an order from IU President Michael McRobbie. It required all IU campuses to cut 1 percent of their operational budget each year for the next five years.

Patterson-Randles said he sent out this mandate because he wanted to fund programs that would keep students and raise graduation rates as well. These funds would go to more financial aid opportunities and advising funds.

To get to that stage, IU Southeast has to make about \$125,000 in budget cuts for five years in a row. Griffin's salary handles the budget cut they needed for this year.

The cuts for the next four years, according to Patterson-Randles, are uncertain at this point. "We'll cross that bridge when we come to it," she said.

At this time, Griffin was the only one fired from the

administration. The eight people that worked in her department have been transferred to the Information Technology department.

Those people now report to Lawrence Mand, vice chancellor of information technology and community engagement. "It's easier to realize things now that we're here under one umbrella," he said. "Organizationally it removes hurdles. We can move quickly and maintain consistency in media."

Mand said he worked in this field at IU Southeast before in marketing and public relations in 2006. He was moved back into the field because Patterson-Randles said she liked the system that was in place two years ago.

Patterson-Randles said the merge was made because public relations and marketing both have a close attachment to information technol-

ogy. "It makes the university much more efficient with a unit that's tech-savvy," Patterson-Randles said. "It's a much better fit."

The only other change resulting from the department merger is in Jennifer Smedes' position. She worked University Advancement as well, but instead of reporting to Mand with the others, she is now the director of University Communications and special assistant to the chancellor and will help with fundraising for the university.

Patterson-Randles said this adjustment was made because the two of them have worked together well in the past, so she wanted to set up the same situation again. The chancellor's most recent fundraising efforts led to a \$1 million donation for the residence halls coming in fall 2008.

The other eight reallocated staff members are still responsible for their prior tasks. One of them is Public Information Specialist Erica Walsh. She said that all of their jobs and departments are the same after the department fusion.

She is still writing news releases and working with the media.

"Any time you can get fresh ideas, the better off you'll be," Walsh said. "Our team is still in place."

Mand, her director, agreed by saying they now have information systems that they can utilize now that they are in the same department. He said it's natural for information to work on design campaigns, podcasts, video production and radio spots because the technology they use for their campaigns are still marketed to the general public.

Faculty Senate

Representatives answer questions

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budgeting process for the bookstore.

Peterson said the program would be considered when drafting for next year's budget begins this spring, but wouldn't be able to start this program immediately because the money isn't budgeted.

Peterson said he'd like to give more benefits for students.

"If I'm going to give donations," he said, "I'm going to give them to student groups because students are our customers."

Peterson said 12 percent of every dollar spent at the IUS Bookstore goes back to the school. Taksar elaborated, saying the money does not go back to IU Bloomington, but stays at IU Southeast.

Beeby said in another class this semester, the books that arrived were a newer edition that he didn't order, and he had not been notified of the new edition.

He said he had to buy the book for him self at the bookstore to keep up with his class, and discovered faculty no longer receive a 10 percent discount on textbooks.

Stewart said there may have been a problem with their notification system, which lets professors know

when a new edition of their text is available.

She said if Barnes & Noble had been notified of the issue, they would have loaned a copy of the book to Beeby at no charge.

Flo Gonya, English senior and Student Government Association president, said students had a lot of difficulty getting the International Standard Book Numbers from Barnes & Noble, both online and in the stores.

"I would like to see this become a more student-friendly bookstore," Gonya said.

Stewart said Barnes & Noble is working with Indiana University to implement Registration Integration, a program that would allow students to get ISBNs when they register for classes.

In a phone interview after the meeting, Taksar said Registration Integration would ask students if they wanted to order books for their classes through Barnes & Noble after they register for classes.

He said students would be able to have textbooks shipped to an address or to the bookstore for pick up, as well as choose a preference for new or used texts.

Students would also have access to the ISBNs of their required texts, he said.

Stewart said if Blooming-

ton approves Registration Integration, students may be able to access the ISBNs online as early as this summer in a test phase, with the program's full implementation beginning next fall.

Gonya passed out fliers to members of the faculty senate asking them post text-book titles and editions, authors and ISBNs on OnCourse to help students shop for books.

"Please be diligent about this," Gonya said. "We need your help."

David Taylor, professor of biology, said he and his students noticed some discrepancies between the prices of books in the IUS Bookstore and the prices on BarnesandNoble.com.

Peterson said Barnes & Noble and BarnesandNoble.com are two separate companies, and that BarnesandNoble.com doesn't have to pay overhead costs, which could result in lower prices online.

Stewart said she'd also heard concerns about the amount of time students have to wait in line to buy their books. She said the bookstore will begin queuing on both sides of the front desk, and two new cash registers have also been purchased.

Peterson said the compa-

ny standard for wait time is between seven and 10 minutes.

In other business at the meeting, the faculty senate passed a resolution allowing Advanced Placement scores of 3 to count for college credit at IU Southeast. The previous policy only accepted scores of 4, with the exception of computer science and a few other courses. The new policy passed almost unanimously with only one abstention.

A new concentration for the School of Business in human resource management was also approved to begin in fall 2008.

Also, the Faculty Senate voted to tell the University Faculty Council that IU Southeast approves of a university-wide policy regarding how many credits can be transferred from community colleges.

The new policy would set a university-wide maximum of 64 credit hours to be accepted from community colleges. He said if the current maximum at an IU campus are lower, it may stay where it stands.

The current policies differ on each IU campus, and the policy at IU Southeast accepts a maximum of 60 credit hours.

Chris Bjornson, associate professor of business, said some IU campuses accept as many as 90 credit hours. He said the idea behind the vote was to ensure that roughly half of the credits for an IU degree are earned at an IU campus.

Kitchen Food services prepare for new dorms, residents

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stay competitive with other businesses.

"We're trying to revise menus and attract local businesses to bring them on campus," Gionis said.

During the first week of classes, students were served a variety of foods by the department while waiting for their UCard.

These cards will make it easy for residential students to buy food from the cafeteria at their convenience. Edna Linn, University Grounds Supervisor, said it seems like there are more people eating on campus this semester.

She said it could be a result of more activity in the area.

Robert Shaver, music technology freshman, said he isn't worried about an overcrowded cafeteria.

"I know that students will stay on campus since they live there," he said. "But I'm sure that people will still go out to have fun."

Sock Hop!

WHEN:
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