

Recommendations

In the course of the self-study and 2010 Plan processes, we identified a number of issues for special attention. These issues are presented below, as recommendations.

Criterion One: Recommendations

- Clearly communicate IIT's Diversity Policy and our plans for its implementation across the university.
- Develop and implement strategies for further enhancing the diversity of our faculty and staff.
- Develop a university-wide communications program designed to ensure understanding of our Mission, Vision, and Values and their relevance to individual departments and units.

Criterion Two: Recommendations

- Install the Banner ERP system by June 2008.
- Ensure the 2006–2008 capital spending plan results in classrooms and laboratories of the highest competitive quality.
- Successfully implement the recommendations of the Student Life Task Force.

Criterion Three: Recommendations

- Continue to develop retention strategies and actively assess results of prior efforts.
- Enhance the use of technology both in and out of the classroom.
- Improve faculty communication and interaction with students.
- Enhance support services for teaching and learning, including providing new electronic resources for the Academic Resource Center.

Criterion Four: Recommendations

- Increase undergraduate research opportunities by developing incentives and more formal programs to encourage faculty to include undergraduates in research projects outside of their normal coursework.
- Encourage publication of more student dissertations by increasing incentives and awards.
- Establish a centralized database of faculty and student publications and other evidence of scholarship.
- Develop processes to train Ph.D. students in classroom teaching and proposal writing.
- Increase available resources for assessment of student learning in order to ensure continuous improvement and feedback.

Criterion Five: Recommendations

- Convene a Neighborhood Advisory Task Force to renew IIT's community development plans and to seek input on future developments at the university.
- Fully implement the co-curricular service learning proposals developed by the Institute of Business and Interprofessional Studies.
- Improve alumni engagement and develop better feedback process from alumni through creation of a comprehensive, longitudinal alumni survey.