SOS Steering Committee MINUTES
Tuesday January 15, 2019 (11 am-12 noon)
Biology Conference Room, SL306

Attendees: Christine Picard, Rob Minto, Yuni Xia, Greg Druschel, Zhongmin Shen, Gautam Vemuri, Cristine Czachowski, Simon Rhodes, Rajeev Raje, Jane Williams, Dave Skalnik, Lei Li, Kathy Marrs, Randall Roper

1. Approval of agenda

2. Approval of minutes (December 2018)

3. Report from Dean Rhodes
   - Happy New Year!
   - Fundraising numbers - we are in the last 18mo of the Bicentennial Campaign and are closing out strong. These #’s are as of 11/30/18.
     - $12.36m
     - 98.92% of (increased $12.5 M) Overall Goal
     - 154% of original goal ($8m)

   Question from Greg Druschel – does this impact school operations?
   SR: No, much is for scholarships, for faculty, most are planned gifts that are intended someday to be endowed chairs

   Question from Randall Roper – Are endowed chairs a goal for the school? SR: we have 1 existing, (Math Bittinger), but will not be realized until death. Most are around wishes of the donor – naming a building would be a stretch goal ($10M – $15M), but it is up to the donor. IU Pres. determines amount for naming rights

   - Betsy worked with departments and programs to send out alumni newsletters. We saw a strong increase in open and click through rates.
   - Science on Tap - Thursday, January 17 at Blind Owl Brewery. Gina Londino-Smolar, Senior Lecturer in Forensic Science, will show us how the use of trace evidence can be used to solve criminal cases.
   - Doug’s retirement event- Friday, January 18- 2-5pm in the Campus Center
   - IUPUI's 50th Birthday Bash - Thursday, January 24 - Noon - 10pm.
   - We will be hosting an alumni event at Lilly this quarter.
   - Honors Convocation April 13th. This year’s guest speaker is alum Tyler Foxworthy, CEO & Chief Scientist at Vertex Intelligence

4. Reports from Associate Deans
   - Dave Skalnik - If fully supported in summer, university wants you to work on the grant you have rather than apply for additional funds.
   - New Policy – Science will pick up that bill for summer work spent on writing grants.
   - New Building: 7 meetings scheduled for this week– will learn what will be cut to get us back into budget. Hope to not change the footprint. Hood
question is still undetermined. SR: Would like to put out in 3 conventional bids All ducted, all filters, or hybrid

- **Groundbreaking still planned for March**
- **Submission rate** for new grants a bit down, but success rates UP: 12% ICR up 12% Research expenditures up 16%, 20 faculty received new grants since July.

**Rajeev Raje:** Census numbers in - enrollment down. Review table.

**Jane Williams:** On the upside! Applications are up, Direct Admits up, Paid applicants up 25% over last year. Headcounts may be up!

**Comment from Rob Minto, Budgetary affairs** – Liberal Arts continues to plunge students, credit hours, and faculty.

**Jane:** Has documents to give to your respective curriculum committees
- **By May 15** – three tasks to map courses to the IUPUI+
- **Jane will send this out electronically** – CTL will do trainings.
- **3 documents that line up the PULs with the IUPUI+**

**Jane has sent updates about Gen Classes to Chairs**
- VIDA Group going to DR – with Cindy Williams
- Andy Barth – summer 2020 to Chile

5. Current business:

- **Brief Update on the Teaching Excellence Subcommittee**
- **Winter faculty assembly; Spring faculty assembly = lock down dates**
  - Winter: *(Feb 22)* and Spring *(April 19)*

6. Institute for Engaged Learning – connections with School of Science *(11:30 am)*

- **Jay Gladden, Dean**, University College and Associate Vice Chancellor for Undergraduate Education
- **Jerry Daday, Executive Associate Dean**, Institute for Engaged Learning in the IUPUI Division of Undergraduate Education DUE
- See attached powerpoint PDF

7. Adjourn