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****SPECIAL NOTICES****

ACADEMIC NOTES PUBLICATION SCHEDULE **FOR FALL 2006**

Below is the circulation schedule for the electronic copy of *Academic Notes* through December 18, 2006. **All submissions for inclusion in *Academic Notes* are due in the Office of Academic Affairs no later than 10:00 a.m. on the Wednesday prior to the distribution of *Academic Notes* on the following Monday, along with an E-Mail or a diskette with the same information in Microsoft Word format. Failure to submit a diskette containing this information will delay publication. *Academic Notes* is available using Acrobat Reader at <http://www.indstate.edu/site/acad-aff/2315.html> –.**

ACADEMIC NOTES PUBLICATION SCHEDULE **FOR FALL 2006**

<u>Deadline for Items</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
October 11	October 16
October 18	October 23
October 25	October 30
November 1	November 6
November 8	November 13
November 15	November 20
November 21 ¹	November 27
November 29	December 4
December 6	December 11
December 13	December 18

¹ Due to holidays, the dates for submission and publication have been moved up or back a day.

THESES, DISSERTATIONS, AND RESEARCH PROJECTS

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES: Geography, Geology, and Anthropology

Jody K. Farrell Sparks will defend her thesis entitled *Spring Ephemeral Plant Diversity as it Relates*

to Gap Dynamics in Vigo County, Indiana, on Friday, October 20, 2006 at 9:30 a.m., in the Science Building, room 110. Members of her committee are: Dr. James H. Speer, chairperson; Dr. Marion T. Jackson and Dr. Ryan Jensen.

COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE: Physical Education

Jesse Rhoades will defend his thesis entitled *A Kinematic Analysis of Sprint Starts with Varied Starting Block Foot Placement Widths*, on Friday, October 27, 2006, at 12:00 noon, in the Health and Human Performance building, room C08. Members of his committee are: Dr. A. Finch, chairperson, Dr. Blanch Evans and Dr. Kathy Tovey.

FACULTY GOVERNMENT

INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the University Faculty Senate will meet at 3:15 p.m. on Tuesday, October 10, 2006, in Hulman Memorial Student Union, room 227.

Agenda

- I. Administrative Report
- II. Chair Report
- III. Fifteen Minute Open Discussion
- IV. Approval of the Minutes
- V. Information Item: Foundation Update
- VI. Graduate Faculty Membership
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Standing Committee Reports

GRADUATE COUNCIL

The Graduate Council will meet on Thursday, October 12, 2006, 9:00-10:00 a.m. in the College of Education, 11th Floor Conference Room #1 (The Large Conference Room).

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Approve Minutes (distributed via email)
4. Unfinished/Ongoing Business

5. New Business
6. Reports
 - a. Chairperson
 - b. Faculty Senate Liaison
 - c. Administrative
 - d. Graduate Student Representative
 - e. Other
7. Upcoming Items
8. Adjournment

STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The Student Affairs Committee will meet on Friday, October 13, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. in the Library, Room 028.

AGENDA #2

- I. Call to Order
- II. Introduction of representatives
- II. Adoption of the Agenda
- III. Approval of the Minutes of September 22, 2006
- IV. Charges 2006-2007
 - A. Faculty-speaking seat on SGA—Jim Buffington
 - B. Oversee the Faculty Scholarship—Chia-An Chao
 - C. Facilitate student attendance at standing committee meetings—Jim Buffington
 - D. Provide a greater academic challenge for its students—Affan Badar
 - E. Grade Inflation—Kevin Snider
 - F. Eliminate the printed schedule of classes—Robert Guell
 - G. Change criteria for continued enrollment—Robert Guell
 - H. Other Charges
- V. Reports
 - A. Chairperson
 - B. Faculty Senate Liaison
 - C. Administrative Representatives
 - D. Student Representatives
- VI. Old Business
 - A 2006 Annual Report
 - B Other
- VII. New Business
 - A. Publishing Standing Committee Minutes on the Web

B. Other
VIII. Adjournment

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UNDERGRADUATE APPROVALS

NEW COURSE PREFIX

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES: Liberal Studies

Executive Summary:

Create new course prefix for Liberal Studies, LBST.

Rationale:

The creation of Liberal Studies prefix will allow the College of Arts and Sciences to develop interdisciplinary courses that are not identified easily in mainstream disciplinary course codes. Like the Liberal Studies program itself, the prefix will create room for incubator courses that promote interdisciplinary teaching and learning in the liberal arts and sciences.

Preferred effective term: Spring 2007

PROGRAM REVISION

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES: Women's Studies Program

Women's Studies Minor

Executive Summary:

The proposed change will add HIST 439 (Women in the United States) to the list of courses students can take as the bridging course between WS 201 (Foundations of Feminist Theories) and WS 400 (Contemporary Feminist Theories). This addition will provide more flexibility in the courses Women's Studies minors can take for this particular requirement.

Rationale:

Currently students can take WS 301 (Gender, Nation, and Class) and SOC 390 (Social Stratification and Inequality) as the bridging course between WS 201 and WS 400 for the Women's Studies minor. These two courses examine the intersections among gender, race, ethnicity, and class and the impact of these factors on women's lives. WS 301 and SOC 390 also provide students with an important historical context of the effects of gender, race, ethnicity, and class. HIST 439 (Women in the United States) also examines the impact of gender, race, ethnicity, and class and it obviously has a strong historical component, making it a good candidate for a bridging course. Furthermore, the addition of HIST 439 would give students more flexibility and it would insure that a bridging course could be offered one to two times each year.

HIST 439 is also an elective course in the Women's Studies minor. Students will not be able to double count HIS 439 as one of the required bridging courses between WS 201 and WS 400 and as an elective. HIST 439 will also become one of the choices of prerequisites listed for WS 400. Students can only count History 439 as a required course or as an elective, but not as both.

New Catalog Copy

Women's Studies Minor (21 semester hours)

Required Women's Studies: 201--3 hrs.; 301--3 hrs. or Sociology 390 or History 439; 400--3 hrs.

Electives: 12 semester hours of approved elective courses.

Preferred Effective Term: Fall 2007

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