POSITION PAPER: IUPUC Budgetary Resources and Policy Committee

DATE: April 20, 2012

TOPIC: Laboratory and Room Conditions in Science Labs and Rooms at IUPUC

This position paper advises the IUPUC Senate and Dean of the reports to the Budgetary Resources and Policy Committee (BRPC) regarding the temperature fluctuations and flooding in science labs and rooms, thus encouraging a discussion. This committee has requested and invited input from concerned faculty, staff, facility services, and Dean Wafa. Our charge according to the bylaws and regarding this issue is to "inform the Senate on...points of potential faculty input into budgetary decision and other appropriate financial matters...advise the Vice Chancellor and Dean through the Senate... on matters such as: planning and optimal utilization of the physical facilities of the university, including buildings, scientific equipment and other equipment, library..." (16 Constitution and Bylaws at IUPUC).

BRPC informs the Senate and the Vice Chancellor that persistent and worrisome problems with the HVAC and facilities continue to plague the Research Building (RC) and the Campus Center (CC). Facilities Services and the Architect’s Office are aware of the conditions and continue to try to ameliorate or eradicate these ongoing HVAC and facilities conditions. The response to BRPC’s last report (12/10) noted that funds for these repairs or upgrades are planned; no firm deadline has been determined. These issues include the following:

1. Inordinately high and low temperature fluctuations as documented by recordkeeping. Recordkeeping is required as part of University compliance and safety.
2. More recently, a flood in a room.

Respectfully Submitted,

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