behind the initiative

IUPUI’s 50th Anniversary is on the horizon.

We are welcoming more students—and more diverse students—than ever before.

Our campus ranks among the very best of tier-one universities for undergraduate education, and we have been recognized as a champion of student engagement, learning communities, and first-year experiences.

All of this reflects the tremendous strength of our faculty, our outstanding staff, our remarkable students, and our distinguished alumni.

In this diverse and growing environment, we want everyone who visits IUPUI to experience this as a welcoming campus where they are free to unleash their creativity, to push their ideas and innovations, and to be inspired.

Launched in spring of 2016, the Welcoming Campus Initiative has provided a springboard for energized conversations about our campus community and a means for transforming talk into action.

emerging themes

With five task forces that include a core group of over 100 members from across IUPUI and the Indianapolis community, we have sought to answer the question, “How can we make IUPUI a more welcoming campus?”

Themes emerging from task force work:

- Creating a Vibrant and Inclusive Student Experience
- Designing an Accessible, Inspiring Urban Campus
- Investing in Faculty and Staff
- Communicating Who We Are
- Engaging and Integrating with the Community

timeline and process

Spring 2016
Task forces met to define a “welcoming campus” through dialogues, focus groups, formal and informal interviews, and other strategies.

Mid-May 2016
Task forces assembled recommendations and met to review findings and discuss overarching themes.

Late May 2016
Preliminary Report

Summer 2016
Steering & Executive Committees, and Chancellor’s Cabinet review report.

continuing the momentum & gathering feedback

August 18, 2016
Welcoming Campus Initiative serves as theme for the IUPUI Council of Deans Retreat

September 7, 2016
Welcoming Campus Initiative Town Hall Meeting

Fall 2016
Standing Meeting Welcoming Campus Initiative Updates

December 2016
Welcoming Campus Initiative Final Report

Spring 2017
Phased Implementation of Welcoming Campus Initiative Recommendations
now we need your help

Please review the Welcoming Campus Initiative draft recommendations:

welcoming.iupui.edu/recommendations

and share your feedback

welcoming.iupui.edu/feedback

the questions

What questions do you have about Welcoming Campus Initiative recommendations?

What suggestions do you have to improve these recommendations?

What additional recommendations do you have to add to these? In other words, what’s missing?

Chancellor Paydar will review your feedback with other campus leaders to help prioritize recommendations, analyze funding opportunities, and prepare the implementation plan to be included in the Welcoming Campus Initiative Final Report.