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ACADEMIC NOTES PUBLICATION SCHEDULE FOR FALL 2008

Below is the circulation schedule for the electronic copy of *Academic Notes* through December 22, 2008. 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. Submissions must be in hard copy along with an e-mail, disk, or CD with the same information. The electronic version must be formatted either in Word with pages with signatures scanned and inserted as a picture OR PDF saved as text and image. (Do NOT send PDF just saved as an image.) Information submitted to *Academic Notes* that is not accompanied by an electronic version or that is incomplete or unusable will be returned to the appropriate office. *Academic Notes* is available using Acrobat Reader at http://www1.indstate.edu/academicaffairs/academic_notes.htm

THESES, DISSERTATIONS, AND RESEARCH PROJECTS

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

Ahmad BinTouq will defend his dissertation entitled, *GIS Diffusion in the Government of Dubai in the United Arab Emirates*, on Thursday, October 20, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. in the Science Building, room 110. Members of his committee are: Dr. Mohameden Ould-Mey, Chairperson; Dr. Brian Ceh, Dr. Bassou El Mansour, Dr. Robert Larson, and Dr. Nancy Obermeyer.

Bingqing Liang will defend her dissertation entitled *Assessing Urban Environmental Quality at Multiple Spatial and Temporal Scales using Remote Sensing, GIS, and Geospatial Algorithms*, on Friday, October 24, 2008, at 2:10 p.m. in the Science Building, room 110. Members of her committee are: Dr. Qihao Weng Chairperson; Dr. Brian Ceh, Dr. Paul Mausel, Dr. Yuejian Peng, and Dr. Jim Speer.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION: Communication Disorders and Counseling, School, and Educational Psychology

Duane Caperton will defend his dissertation entitled *An Investigation of the Reliability and Validity of the Caperton Forgiveness Styles Inventory*, on Friday, October 24, 2008, at 12:00 noon, in the College of Education, room 1504. Members of his committee are: Dr. Will Barratt, Chairperson; Dr. Thomas J. Johnson and Dr. Matthew Draper.

Christine Kerr will defend her dissertation entitled *Male Adolescents of Divorce: The Relationship with their Non-custodial Father*, on Wednesday, October 15, 2008 at 12:00 noon, in the College of Education, room 1504. Members of her committee are: Dr. James L. Campbell, Chairperson; Dr. Julie T. Steck and Dr. Brad S. Brubaker.

COLLEGE OF NURSING, HEALTH, AND HUMAN SERVICES: Athletic Training

Sara F. Bergeron will defend her thesis entitled *The Effects of Hypohydration on the Initiation of Muscle Cramps Via Threshold Frequency in Electrically Induced Muscle Cramps*, on Monday, October 20, 2008, at 11:00 a.m., in the Arena Building, Athletic Training conference room. Members of her committee are: Dr. Susan Yeargin, Chairperson; Dr. Kellie Huxel and Dr. Jeff Edwards.

COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY: Ph.D. in Technology Management

Nicole Byrd Chandler will defend her dissertation entitled *Assessing Podcasting as a Learning Methodology for Digital Natives and digital Immigrants in the Corporate Learning Environment*, on Monday, October 20, 2008 at 11:00 a.m., in John C. Myers Technology Center, room TC 111. The defense will originate from Bowling Green State University. Members are: Dr. Donna K. Trautman, Bowling Green State University, Chairperson; Dr. Terry Herman, Dr. Garry Benjamin, Bowling Green State University; Dr. James Maxwell, Ashland University; and Dr. David Beach, Indiana State University.

Samuel L. Rohr will defend his dissertation entitled *Improving Student Retention of Future Members of the Science, Business, and Technology Workforce*, on Tuesday, October 21, 2008, at 3:30 p.m., in Gillum Hall, room 103A. Members of his committee are: Dr. Anthony Gilberti, Fairmont State University; and Dr. George Maughan, Indiana State University, Co-Chairpersons; Dr. Vincent Childress, North Carolina A & T State University; Dr. David Beach, Dr. Marion Schafer, and Dr. William Barratt, Indiana State University.

FIELD TRIPS

UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM

Dr. Greg Bierly, Director of the University Honors Program, will be taking honor students to the 43rd Annual National Collegiate Honors Council Conference in San Antonio, TX, October 22 through October 26, 2008. Dr. Linda S. Maule, University Honors Program Advisory Committee member and Laura Froelicher, Coordinator for Student Programming and Outreach in Honors will also be attending. A list of the participating students is on file in the office of Dr. Greg Bierly.

DEPARTMENTS' MERGE

The Board of Trustees approved the merge of the Departments of Chemistry and Physics, at its September 26, 2008 meeting, effective Fall 2008.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES: Chemistry and Physics

The Departments of Chemistry and Physics at Indiana State University share a common responsibility to foster and support student learning and scholarship in the physical sciences. This agreement establishes a framework for consolidating the Departments of Chemistry and Physics into a single academic unit. Implementation of the agreement is intended to strengthen the chemistry and physics programs while reducing administrative overhead.

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November 5	November 10
November 12	November 17
November 19	November 24
November 26	December 1
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ACALOG NOTE

The format for curriculum proposals has changed to correspond with the structure of Acalog, the new version of the electronic catalogs. Some proposals will be published under the old structure and some under the new structure during this transition period.

Improved Electronic Catalog

The new electronic version of the undergraduate catalog is posted at

<http://www.indstate.edu/academics/catalogs.htm>. Some advantages of the new format are:

- It is easily searchable and searchable from the internet
- It is easier for students and advisors to find and choose the courses students need
- Students create a personal portfolio of courses in which they are interested
- Links to information such as department web sites, advising information, and video clips can easily be added
- Every page can easily be printed, decreasing the number of printed catalogs

If you have questions, please contact Academic Affairs, extension 3662.

FACULTY GOVERNMENT

FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the University Faculty Senate will meet at 3:15 p.m., on Tuesday, October 14, 2008, in Hulman Memorial Student Union 227.

Agenda

- I. Administrative Report.
- II. Chair Report
- III. Approval of Minutes of Oct 7, 2008.
- IV. Fifteen Minute Open Discussion
- V. New Business

- a. CoNHHS Organizational Structure
- b. Minus grade implementation questions
- VI. Old Business
 - a. Honor's Program Revision
- VII. Committee Reports
 - a. AAC
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COURSE REVISION

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

GEOL 496 - Research in Geology

Arranged credits

Literature, laboratory, and field research of a selected geologic problem.

Prerequisite: 12 semester hours of geology.

Note: University Honors students may elect to take this course for Honors credit.

Change credits and add repeatable to:

GEOL 496 - Research in Geology

1-6 credits

Literature, laboratory, and field research of a selected geologic problem.

Prerequisite: 12 credits of geology.

Repeatable: May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits.

Note: University Honors students may elect to take this course for Honors credit.

Preferred effective term: Spring 2009

GRADUATE APPROVALS

COURSE REVISION

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES: Political Science

PSCI 698 - Readings in Political Science

2-6 credits

Prerequisite: Prior approval of instructor and completion of departmental proposal/approval form.

Change credits to:

PSCI 698 - Readings in Political Science

1-6 credits

Prerequisite: Prior approval of instructor and completion of departmental proposal/approval form.

Preferred effective term: Spring 2009