

### Question Time

On December 5, 2013, the Lilly Endowment announced<sup>1</sup> it gave “\$62.7 million to Indiana colleges and universities to help improve employment opportunities for college graduates.” The press release stated that “Indiana’s 39 accredited colleges and universities” would receive the funds. None of the regional campuses were included in the list of colleges and universities although all are accredited. The Indiana University Foundation and the Purdue University Foundation were included in the list and so it is logical to assume that the regionals are included through the Indiana and Purdue foundations.

As early as December 6<sup>th</sup>, local media were reporting how various colleges and universities in northeast Indiana were using the funds granted to them. Absent from these accounts has been any details for how Indiana University and Purdue University will be using the funds granted to them.

According to Lilly’s press release and local media reporting, the proposals offered quite a bit of detail about how the funds would be used.

1. What role did IPFW have in developing the proposals from Indiana University and/or Purdue University? If the answer is that IPFW had no role in the development of the proposals, why didn’t IPFW have a role to play?
2. How will the Lilly funds granted to the Indiana University Foundation and Purdue University Foundation be used to help employment opportunities for college graduates specifically in northeast Indiana?
3. Do the proposals from Indiana University and/or Purdue University include specific amounts of funding that will be used to benefit northeast Indiana?
4. What role will IPFW have in the implementation of the activities included in the proposals from Indiana University and Purdue University?
5. Do the proposals from Indiana University and/or Purdue University include a specific allocation of funds for IPFW? If so, what is the amount and how is it to be used?

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<sup>1</sup> The release can be seen at <http://www.lillyendowment.org/pdf/EducationalCollaboration.pdf> (accessed on January 3, 2014).