

Question Time

1. The 10/14/92 memorandum in which the chancellor announces the resignation of R. Ritchie says the position "will be posted within the Purdue system only." Does this mean that applications from IU employees at IPFW will be welcome? that IU employees at other campuses are not welcome to apply? Does the IPFW administration condone continuation of Purdue University's divisive policy of ignoring the fact that at IPFW the employees of Indiana University and of Purdue University are supposed to be treated as equals? Does the IPFW administration condone an exclusionary policy at a time when the selection of a fiscal agent for the campus is subject to a scheduled renegotiation?
2. The above-referenced memorandum establishes no provision for involving IPFW faculty, staff, or students in the process of selecting the chief financial officer on this campus. Will those groups be consulted? How?

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3. Each department/unit in Neff Hall submitted requests concerning the reallocation of space to be vacated in January 1993 by departments moving to the new Engineering and Technology building. These requests were submitted through their schools to the Associate Vice Chancellor for Planning, Jack Dahl, in December of 1991. Departments/units were not consulted further before decisions were made. What criteria have been used to make these decisions concerning space reallocation? To what extent was the University Resources Policy Committee involved in making these decisions? Who made the decisions, what information were they based on, why has there been no formal announcement and discussion of these decisions among the departments/units affected, and will there be such discussions before these decisions are irrevocable?

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4. IPFW's withdrawal from the child care consortium (EduCare Center) was announced to parents without warning by means of a form letter in mid-October, and to IPFW faculty, students, and staff in a memo from Frank Borelli dated October 19, 1992. This decision creates a great hardship for parents who have to make other child care arrangements in mid-year; in fact, Dean of Students Marian Zimmerman was quoted by the Journal-Gazette as saying "most will be able to find something else, but for some it will be a disaster." Rumors abound that IPFW knew this decision was coming as early as May 1992. Is there truth to these rumors? If so, why were parents not informed last May, which would have given them the summer to locate suitable child care? Why were parents who enrolled their children in EduCare not informed of the financial difficulties ("the escalating cost of continued membership," Borelli memo)? Why were parents not involved in the decision? Did the administration consider the fact that most of those affected adversely by this decision will be women? What is being done to help parents find alternative child care? What plans are there to provide child care for IPFW students and staff in the future?

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