**IUBAAC Fall Meeting Summary**
**Friday, September 20, 2024**

The IUBAAC Fall Meeting took place on the morning of Friday, September 20, at Luddy Hall, offering a warm and engaging setting for the gathering. Over donuts and coffee, attendees had the chance to learn more about IUBAAC’s structure and initiatives including insights from the new IUBAAC president, Emily Stratton, and the opportunity to connect with colleagues across campus. Some advisors attended in person, while others participated via Zoom.

The IUBAAC Business Meeting convened by Emily included the following agenda items: President’s Report, Standing Committee Reports and Ad Hoc Committee Reports. Guest speakers included Dan Turner, Assistant Vice Provost, and Executive Director of Academic Advising (IUB), and Tiffany Stergar, Assistant Director of Advising Professional Development (Purdue).

Emily introduced herself to the group and shared that she is an AMES advisor who also has affiliations with many units on campus: IU African Studies Program, Kelley Business Pathways, Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning, plus many more. She outlined her three main initiatives as IUBAAC president that she plans to pursue during her two-year tenure.

* Strengthen Communication and Transparency both internally (within IUBAAC and committees) and Externally (between administrators, directors and advisors; and between IUBAAC and advising-adjacent communities)
* Expand Advisor Representation and Support internally (transfer advising, graduate advising, financial support) and externally (advising-adjacent staff and faculty)
* Increase Advisor Engagement and Involvement with Standing Committees and Ad Hoc Committees; professional development and networking activities; interest in running for Executive Office

The IUBAAC is organized into five key components: Executive Board (coordinators, advocates), Steering Committee (decision-makers), Standing Committees (action-takers, ongoing), Ad Hoc Committees (action-takers, temporary) and the Membership (constituents). The Standing Committees (Professional Development, Communication/PR, Advocacy, and Membership) reported to the group detailing initiatives and opportunities for involvement, as did the Ad Hoc Committees (Transfer Student Advising, Graduate Program Advising, Bylaw Review).

Dan Turner spoke with the group about updates on advising changes. Information about salary base, promotion structure and hiring were discussed. He confirmed that leadership is talking with the provost about the role of advising on campus and the relationship between the Office of the Vice President for Student Success (VPSS) and advising. He acknowledged some of the challenges with major changes on campus and that these issues will be addressed over the next academic year. He offered to meet with anyone who has questions about the changes on campus. Please feel free to email him at turnerdj@iu.edu.

The final presentation of the day was by our keynote speaker – Tiffany Stergar. Tiffany is the Assistant Director of Advising Professional Development at Purdue University, Lafayette Campus. In her current role, she oversees the development and implementation of professional development and training for an advising community of approximately 260 advisors between two different campus locations. She shared the challenges and triumphs of creating and maintaining a centralized professional development and training program on the Purdue campuses.