Since this newsletter was first published in April 2012, the school has continued to flourish in its transition to an accredited school of public health. Below are just some of the milestones to highlight:

April 2012 = The School’s first centralized Office of Director of Career Services opened; Dr. Susan Simmons appointed Director.

April 27, 2012 = Faculty revised constitution and created new by-laws.

May 7, 2012 = Application submitted to the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) for a change in category from an accredited MPH Program to a School of Public Health.

June 23, 2012 = CEPH approved IUB’s request to begin the accreditation process for a School of Public Health.

July 18, 2012 = Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH) granted Associate Membership to Indiana University School of Public Health-Bloomington.

August 1, 2012 = Dr. Ka He began his role as inaugural chair of the new Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics.

August 2 - 3, 2012 = Dean Torabi, Executive Associate Dean Gilbert, and Associate Dean Reece attended CEPH’s annual Accreditation Orientation Workshop, a required step toward accreditation.

September 28, 2012 = Naming Ceremony of the School of Public Health, presided over by IU President Michael A. McRobbie.

January 1, 2013 = Mohammad R. Torabi appointed Founding Dean of the School of Public Health.

March 5, 2013 = New MPH concentrations approved by IU Board of Trustees for fall 2013 offering include Family Health, Physical Activity, and Professional Health Education.

March 6, 2013 = Resources for creating and nurturing more effective community engagement were brought together under a new umbrella, the Office of Global and Community Health Partnerships.

April 2, 2013 = Faculty revised School Constitution established 11 Standing Committees and one Ad Hoc Committee within Academic Council.
CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS REVISED

On April 2, 2013 the SPH faculty voted to approve changes concerning committee structure as well as the establishment of various committees within the school’s Constitution and Bylaws.

Under the leadership of its chair, Dr. Katie Grove, the Academic Council created 11 standing committees which for the first time also include staff and student representation.

The most significant enhancement to the Council’s role is the formal assumption of leadership in the areas of evaluation and planning for the school. Informational meetings to review and discuss the changes were held (on March 26th and March 27th) for all interested faculty and staff in advance of the vote.

DEPARTMENT CHAIR SELECTED

After serving for eight years as departmental Director of Graduate Studies and becoming interim chair in 2010, Dr. David Lohrmann has continued to provide leadership to the Department of Applied Health Science. Under his direction, the department continued to thrive in various areas including enhancements in curriculum breadth and quality along with expansion of research avenues and funding. On March 1, 2013, following a search, Dr. Lohrmann was named chair of the department of Applied Health Science.

In addition to his administrative prowess, Dr. Lohrmann has published and presented extensively in the areas of school health promotion; health education; alcohol, tobacco, and drug abuse prevention; sexuality education; and HIV/STD prevention.

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