October 1, 2008

TO:  Policy Council
FR:  Agenda Committee
RE:  Creation of a Technology Taskforce

We recommend the creation of a taskforce to examine issues related to the use of technology in the SOE. The Technology Taskforce would begin in January 2009 and provide a report to the Policy Council no later than December 2009. The taskforce would be asked to do the following:

1. Review and comment on IU’s soon-to-be-released 5-year technology plan;

2. Review the current status of SOE Strategic Goal #4;

3. Draft a statement about the optimal role of technology in the professional lives of SoE faculty; this might involve getting a sense from faculty members about their technology related needs and interests;

4. Determine if the Policy Council needs a standing committee focused on technology or if the charge of a current standing committee might be modified to include technology concerns.