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Indiana University

Questions and Answers about the Governance and Funding of SPEA



Where does SPEA get money?

INCOME TO SPEA AND INDIANA UNIVERSITY comes from several sources and the university's annual financial report found online offers complete details. Tuition, as the primary source, is 36 percent of IU's income. Seventeen percent comes from the state government. Additional funds come from individuals and organizations. All philanthropy to IU complies with rules established by the [IU Foundation](#) and all research funding complies with the rules established by the [IU Office of Research Administration](#).

How do we find out who supports SPEA?

IN THE INTEREST OF TRANSPARENCY, SPEA has chosen to have available on its website a regularly updated list of individuals and organizations [giving gifts](#) or [sponsoring research](#).

How does SPEA spend its revenue?

THE MAJORITY OF THE INCOME goes to salaries and benefits for SPEA's faculty and staff and for student programming and resources. The school also pays fees to the university based on the square footage of SPEA's buildings and the number of staff and faculty employed by SPEA. We also have routine overhead expenses for equipment, furniture, supplies, and marketing.

Who decides what will be taught at SPEA?

THE ENTIRE SPEA FACULTY votes on which courses are included in the curriculum. Faculty develop courses in consultation with their peers, administrators, and the academic directors of the undergraduate and graduate program offices.

What does academic freedom mean?

ALL FACULTY MEMBERS have the right to explore significant or controversial questions without fear of censorship or retaliation. In compliance with university rules and the principles of shared governance, faculty determine how they will achieve the learning outcomes of a course, guest speakers they invite, the questions they will research, how the research will be carried out, and the research funders they will solicit. A comprehensive guide to academic freedom is found [at Inside Higher Ed](#).

Who leads SPEA?

DEAN JOHN D. GRAHAM directs the SPEA campuses in Bloomington and at our partner school at IUPUI in Indianapolis. Executive Associate Dean Michael McGuire is in charge of the day-to-day functions at SPEA IUB. Decisions on faculty hiring, curriculum, and other major academic areas are made in collaboration with the faculty, either through standing faculty committees or through votes by the entire fulltime faculty at meetings held 2-4 times a year. This process is typical of most large public institutions of higher education and is known as shared governance.

What role does the Dean's Council play? Distinguished Alumni Council and Alumni Board?

ESTABLISHED IN 2009, members of [SPEA Dean's Council](#) serve as advisors and ambassadors for the school. Composed of scientists, attorneys, entrepreneurs, public servants, and business leaders, more than half of the council members have substantial public and nonprofit experience, including several who have served U.S. presidents. Members of the [Distinguished Alumni Council](#) and the Alumni Board advise SPEA on curriculum changes based on developments in the labor market, serve as ambassadors and recruiters for the school, and help SPEA develop new internships and job opportunities for students.

Where do I go with a concern, complaint, praise or request for help?

IF YOU'RE AN UNDERGRADUATE, start with the Undergraduate Programs Office and Assistant Dean Dr. [R.J. Woodring](#). If you're a master's student, start with the Master's Programs Office and Director [Megan Siehl](#). If you're not sure where to turn, Executive Associate Dean [Michael McGuire](#) can assist.