Talking Points for
Discovery Park Leaders

Purdue’s Discovery Park provides interdisciplinary research infrastructure for the University and is part of the Office of the Vice President for Research.

Discovery Park:

- Build on the strengths of Purdue University—Engineering, Agriculture, Science, Pharmacy, Veterinary Sciences, Technology

- Focus is on Global Challenges, large-scale issues that require expertise from numerous disciplines—interdisciplinary:
  - Sustainability
  - Cyberinfrastructure
  - Life Sciences & Healthcare
  - Crises Training & visualization
  - Global Nanotechnology
  - Support for Entrepreneurial Endeavors

- Relatively new component of Purdue University
  - In 2001, Purdue received the first grant to develop Discovery Park
  - The Lilly Endowment awarded $51 million over two grants for programmatic development
  - Five buildings are privately funded except for about $5 million in the Birck Center from the state of Indiana

- Since inception, over half of Purdue’s faculty are affiliated in some way; Discovery Park has reached over 3,000 students.

- In 2008-09, $66 million in sponsored program funding

- A $400 million enterprise

- All laboratories and equipment are shared; Faculty members maintain their academic homes, most share offices.

- Graduate student offices are arranged to integrate disciplines in the Birck Nanotechnology Center and Bindley Bioscience Center.

- Many corporate and international partners—universities and corporations.

- Culture is entrepreneurial—Discovery with Delivery
  - In concert with colleges, schools, and the Purdue Research Park, have facilitated 29 new startup companies
  - Provide entrepreneurial training for faculty and students—Academic Bootcamp, Entrepreneurial Leadership Academy for faculty, Entrepreneurship Certificate Program and Interns for Indiana for students
  - Strong partnership with Purdue Research Park

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DISCOVERY WITH DELIVERY

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