BRIEF TALKING POINTS:

Begin with the definition on the slide above:

Discovery Park is Purdue’s hub for interdisciplinary and translational research, conceived as a place where scholars from all disciplines could work together to define whole new areas of research and solve grand challenges.

1. Now in its 13th year, Discovery Park represents a billion dollars of enterprise—research expenditures, buildings, research equipment, and endowments.

2. Discovery Park spans the boundaries of all Purdue academic disciplines and involves faculty, staff, and students in funded projects and activities.

3. Discovery Park is driven by large, funded projects: To date, 13 funded projects of over $5 million and 8 projects are $10M or higher.

4. Discovery Park represents approximately 25% of the total Purdue annual research portfolio.

5. Discovery Park is growing from five facilities to seven. The Multidisciplinary Cancer Research Center and the Center for Drug Discovery will open spring 2014. In total, Discovery Park will provide over 250,000 assignable sq. ft. of laboratory and office space.

6. Discovery Park facilitates technology commercialization through educational programs, business plan competitions, and partnerships with Purdue’s Office of Technology Commercialization, the Purdue Research Park, and The Foundry.
   a. Over 1300 undergraduates have earned a Certificate in Entrepreneurship and Innovation;
   b. Some 65 start-up companies have been facilitated.

7. Connecting faculty from many disciplines is more important than ever as researchers tackle today’s enormous grand challenges—global sustainability through energy, our environment and changing climate, food security, and water safety; advances in strategies for education in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics; diagnosis and treatment of diseases like cancer and malaria; improved tools to collect and utilize huge data sets and to protect electronic information; and improvements in efficiencies and effectiveness of today’s healthcare delivery systems.

8. Discovery Park has established over 100 industrial partnerships, over 100 university partnerships, and over 40 strategic global partnerships.