Present: Matthew Aalsma; Lorraine Blackman (Chairperson); Jose Rosario; Teresa Bennett (IUPUI Solution Center); Amy Warner; Stephan Viehweg

1. Introductions
2. Invite volunteer minute-taker: Matt Aalsma volunteered
3. Approve minutes from October 27, 2008
4. IUPUI's 40th Anniversary Celebration – Teresa Bennett and Amy Warner provided updates on agenda for 40th Anniversary Celebration.
   - www.forty.iupui.edu is website providing updates regarding celebration
   - Faculty are asked to RSVP for the Kickoff Breakfast. See calendar of events
   - Sen. Richard Lugar to receive the first Chancellor’s award for his leadership to establish the IUPUI campus 40 years ago. See calendar of events.
   - Neal-Marshall alumni organization developed for IUPUI
5. TRIP Fall Faculty Showcase on March 4th
   - Discussed ways to improve faculty participation at showcase as well as on TRIP website. Stephan Viehweg stated that a new link on the TRIP will facilitate a less time consuming registration process for TRIP scholars, allowing limited information to be inserted and a curriculum vita can be attached.
   - A recommendation was made by the Metropolitan Affairs Committee for subsequent showcases to be organized around specific themes in order to increase faculty participation as well as community interest. Possible themes will be discussed at the next Metropolitan Affairs Committee.
6. February Metropolitan Affairs Committee meeting will be held at the IUPUI Solutions Center. It was suggested that the March meeting be held at the Center for Service and Learning and the April meeting be held at the office of Research and Sponsored Programs.
7. Legislative Update - Amy Warner provided a legislative update including estimated budget cuts as well as the importance of the budget notes page for updates regarding IUPUI budgetary issues.

8. Other business - None

9. Next meeting: Thursday, February 26, 2009. 9:30 to 11:00.

10. Adjourn