

Thomas C. Healy

Vice President for Government Relations, Indiana University, 2004 – 2007

Thomas C. Healy was the Vice President for Government Relations for Indiana University from 2004 – 2007. He was appointed by former Indiana University President, Adam Herbert.

Healy was born in Preston, Minnesota. After earning both a B.S. in Elementary Education and an M.S. in School Administration from Winona State University, Healy went on to receive a Ph.D. in 1972 from the University of Maryland. He received an alumni award for Outstanding Leader in Education in 2005 from Maryland. In 2011 Healy was one of three graduates to be recognized as Distinguished Alumni by Winona State University. He also was a Fellow at the Institute for Educational Management at Harvard University in 1984.

Before coming to Indiana University, Healy had worked in higher education for over 35 years, including three years as assistant to the president for government relations at Florida Gulf Coast University, and during his 26 year tenure, numerous positions at the University of North Florida. While at UNF, he served as a charter member of the faculty for seven years, founded and became the first director of the Downtown Center in 1978 and continued that responsibility when he became the Dean of Continuing Education and External Affairs in 1979, a position he held until 1983. In the following years, Healy held assistant and associate vice president positions in academic affairs and university relations. He also was interim vice president for Student Affairs, University Relations, and Administration and Finance and served five years as Athletic Director. Some of his jobs overlapped with his duties as vice president of government affairs. From 1998 – 2001, Healy was the Vice Chancellor for Government Affairs for the State University System of Florida. His office was responsible for coordinating the lobbying efforts of the nine state universities in Florida and in Washington, D.C. This cooperative effort, aided by the opening of an office in D.C. resulted in an additional \$125 million in funds annually for Florida's higher education institutions.

The Indiana University Board of Trustees confirmed the appointment of Thomas C. Healy as the university's vice president for government relations in April, 2004. Then IU President Adam W. Herbert recommended the appointment and said the newly established position was designed to more effectively lead, manage and coordinate the university's governmental efforts at the state and federal levels. "Tom Healy brings to Indiana University an unparalleled range of experiences and accomplishments in higher education and particularly in government relations," said Herbert. "I know of no one more knowledgeable of higher education and more skilled in garnering support for education institutions than Tom."

At Indiana University, Healy combined the offices of state relations, federal relations and Hoosiers for Higher Education into a new office of government relations and hired an experienced director for each area. Together, the staff developed a new strategic plan for all government contacts. At the age of 63,

Healy retired so that he and his wife, Jan, could return to Jacksonville, Florida, to “spend more time with our granddaughter, travel the world a bit and play a lot of golf.

In addition to his extensive academic administrative and publishing career, Healy has served on numerous community and state boards and committees, including the Jacksonville (FL) Chamber of Commerce, the Florida State Institute of Government Police Board, the Florida Engineering Education Delivery System, and the Southwest Florida Legislative Issues Group. He has also been a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, The Athletic Directors Association, Phi Delta Kappa, and the National University Continuing Education Association.

Healy and his wife, Jan, have two sons, Mark and Brent.