

REPORT OF THE STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
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The Student Affairs Committee met today with Vice President for Student Affairs Tom Segar.

The meeting began with opening remarks about the Student Affairs Division.

A presentation on Welcome Week 2022 was given by Valerie Baroni, director, Housing and Dining; Kevin Foster, assistant director for Student Involvement and Leadership Development; Amber Racchini, acting assistant vice provost for the University College; and Malaika Turner, assistant vice president for Student Affairs. This year, the Office of Housing and Dining implemented a new process for checking in new students, bringing students, their families, IUP offices, and community partners together at the Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Complex. The centralized check-in allowed students to complete necessary business related to student billing, financial aid, orientation, course scheduling, and other required processes. This increased the number of students who entered the first day of classes having completed essential tasks for starting the academic year. During check-in, students and families had the opportunity to interact with representatives from the Indiana County Tourist Bureau, the Office of Alumni and Constituent Engagement, the IUP Health Service, and other offices.

Key components to welcoming first-year students include making IUP a home away from home, involving continuing student leaders to provide guidance and mentoring, fostering student involvement and engagement, and preparing students to be IUP ready. Welcome Week outcomes and statistics show that participating in Welcome Week helped students develop an increased understanding about IUP and life on campus, helped them establish relationships with people different from themselves, increased their satisfaction, and influenced their decision to stay at IUP. The success of Welcome Week is a collaboration that includes every area of the university and several community partners.

Athletics Director Todd Garzarelli provided an update on IUP Athletics for fall and winter sports. He also reported that four IUP Athletics resolutions will be presented at the public meeting.

ATHLETIC RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR IUP MEN'S GOLF

WHEREAS, the IUP men's golf team won the 2022 Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) Championship on October 16 at Iron Valley Golf Club in Lebanon, Pennsylvania;

WHEREAS, this championship brings the program's total to 32, more than twice as many as the closest conference school, and was the team's sixth in the last seven seasons;

WHEREAS, IUP held the lead for the entire three-round tournament, shooting a team score of 880;

WHEREAS, freshman Guillermo Salazar won individual medalist honors by shooting three-under 69 in the final round for a total score of 217 during the 54-hole tournament, becoming IUP's 18th champion since 1993;

WHEREAS, head coach Dan Braun won his fourth consecutive conference championship and placed four golfers in the top-10 overall finishers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of Trustees of Indiana University of Pennsylvania commends the IUP men's golf program for its accomplishments at the 2022 PSAC Championships.

The Student Affairs Committee recommends that the resolution of commendation for men's golf be approved, and I so move.

ATHLETIC RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR GUILLERMO SALAZAR

WHEREAS, freshman Guillermo Salazar of the IUP men's golf program won individual medalist honors at the 2022 Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) Championships on October 16 at Iron Valley Golf Club in Lebanon, Pennsylvania;

WHEREAS, Mr. Salazar shot a three-under 69 in the final round for a total score of 217 during the 54-hole tournament, becoming IUP's 18th champion since 1993;

WHEREAS, this championship brings the program's total to 32, more than twice as many as the closest conference school, and was the team's sixth in the last seven seasons;

WHEREAS, Mr. Salazar became the program's 11th individual medalist since 2011;

WHEREAS, Mr. Salazar had rounds of 73, 75, and 69 for the tournament for his second top-five finish of the fall 2022 season;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of Trustees of Indiana University of Pennsylvania commends Guillermo Salazar for his accomplishments at the 2022 PSAC Championships.

The Student Affairs Committee recommends that the resolution of commendation for Guillermo Salazar be approved, and I so move.

ATHLETIC RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR KAROLIN KIRCHTAG

WHEREAS, IUP women's tennis student-athlete Karolin Kirchtag became the 2022 Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) singles champion on October 10;

WHEREAS, Ms. Kirchtag earned the singles title with a 6-3, 6-1 triumph in the final against Kayla Dean from Mercyhurst;

WHEREAS, Ms. Kirchtag also won the singles and doubles titles at the PSAC Individual Championships last season;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of Trustees of Indiana University of Pennsylvania commends Karolin Kirchtag of the IUP women's tennis program for her accomplishments during the 2022 fall season.

The Student Affairs Committee recommends that the resolution of commendation for Karolin Kirchtag be approved, and I so move.

ATHLETIC RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR IUP FOOTBALL

WHEREAS, the IUP football team defeated Shepherd by a score of 24-21 on Saturday, November 12, to win the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) championship;

WHEREAS, IUP earned its fifth PSAC championship game victory and tied the conference record for the most PSAC titles, with 19;

WHEREAS, this PSAC championship was the first for IUP since the 2017 season and the second for Paul Tortorella as head coach;

WHEREAS, quarterback Mak Sexton was named the PSAC championship game MVP, throwing for 169 yards and three touchdown passes;

WHEREAS, the win helped the IUP football team earn the top seed in Super Region One of the NCAA Division II playoffs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of Trustees of Indiana University of Pennsylvania commends the IUP football program for its accomplishments during the 2022 season.

The Student Affairs Committee recommends that the resolution of commendation for IUP football be approved, and I so move.

This concludes my report.

Maura King, Chair
Student Affairs Committee