

REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES
Indiana University of Pennsylvania
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Lara Luetkehans, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, shared an update on IUP's Academic Program Review and Restructuring, recapping milestones met this year toward the goals of examining IUP's program array and highlighting progress to date on program review curricular actions. Provost Luetkehans also walked through what's been accomplished toward the implementation of the new Academic Affairs structure of colleges, academic departments, and support areas, including new college and department names. She also commended the efforts of all involved and laid out plans for next steps in the restructuring and the development of an ongoing program-review process.

Next, Provost Luetkehans introduced Dawn Smith-Sherwood, director of Liberal Studies, who is leading the development of the new framework for general education at IUP.

Dr. Smith-Sherwood reported that the Liberal Studies Workgroup presented three draft models to the university community in four poster sessions in September 2023. The group then conducted a survey of campus stakeholders regarding the draft models. On March 28, 2024, one of the three, the revised Crimson Core framework, successfully completed the curricular process and was adopted for implementation.

Since that time, members of the Liberal Studies Workgroup and the Liberal Studies Committee drafted an implementation plan, which includes the development of criteria for the framework and its constituent courses as well as a proposed revised assessment plan based on rubrics measuring the American Association of Colleges and Universities' Essential Learning Outcomes and National Association of Colleges and Employers' Career Readiness Competencies.

Dr. Smith-Sherwood then shared the components of the revised Crimson Core as well as an update on the projected implementation timeline. Additionally, she highlighted the ways in which the Liberal Studies redesign aligns with other current Academic Affairs initiatives.

Finally, Provost Luetkehans provided an update on progress toward establishing IUP's proposed college of osteopathic medicine. She shared key findings from a recent study on market demand and costs and outlined current progress toward fundraising, staffing, clinical and graduate medical education placements, facilities planning, and accreditation.

Approval of Honorary Degree

The Academic Affairs Committee recommended the approval of an honorary doctor of public service degree to be presented to Governor Joshua Shapiro.

The following motion is recommended for approval:

THAT THE AWARDING OF AN HONORARY DOCTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE DEGREE TO GOVERNOR JOSHUA SHAPIRO AT COMMENCEMENT ON MAY 11, 2024, BE APPROVED. THE AWARDING OF THIS DEGREE HAS THE SUPPORT OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE AND THE APPROVAL OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE.

Approval of IUP-APSCUF Representative Council Actions

The Academic Affairs Committee recommends that the following actions, which have the endorsement of the president and the provost, be approved. Because of the large number of actions, only a few are highlighted. For complete information, please refer to the IUP-APSCUF Actions document, available on the website.

Forty-two program revisions were approved at the February 8, March 21, April 11, and May 2, 2024, IUP-APSCUF Representative Council meetings.

A change in the Liberal Studies framework to the Crimson Core model was approved at a special meeting of the IUP-APSCUF Representative Council on March 28, 2024.

At the April 1 and April 30, 2024, meetings, the University Senate approved one new undergraduate policy and revisions to three undergraduate policies and 11 graduate policies. The following motion is recommended for approval:

THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE ACTIONS APPROVED AT THE FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL, AND MAY MEETINGS OF THE IUP-APSCUF REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL, WHICH WERE SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED BY PRESIDENT DRISCOLL.

Six programs were placed in moratorium at the April 11 and May 2, 2024, IUP-APSCUF Representative Council meetings. The Applied Mathematics, MS, was placed in moratorium by the chair of the Department of Mathematical and Computer Sciences, the dean of the Kopchick College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and the provost on March 22, 2024.

Two new programs, Professional Sales Certificate and Family and Consumer Science Education Certificate, were approved at the April and May 2024 IUP-APSCUF Representative Council meetings.

The following motion is recommended for approval:

THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES AT INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA APPROVE THE MORATORIUMS AND THE NEW PROGRAMS TO MOVE FORWARD TO THE CHANCELLOR OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR FINAL APPROVAL.

The Academic Affairs Committee recommends the approval of three college name changes as follows:

- College of Arts, Humanities, Media, and Public Affairs
- College of Education and Human Services
- College of Health Sciences

These name changes were presented to the University Senate on April 30, 2024, as an informational item.

The following motion is recommended for approval:

THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE THREE COLLEGE NAME CHANGES THAT HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY PRESIDENT DRISCOLL.

This concludes my report.

Mark Holman, Chair
Academic Affairs Committee