

**REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES**

Indiana University of Pennsylvania
September 9, 2021

Approval of Senate Actions

The Academic Affairs Committee recommends that the following University Senate actions, which have the endorsement of the president and interim provost, be approved:

Departmental name changes due to NextGen department mergers approved by the University Senate at its meeting on September 7, 2021, as follows:

- Madia Department of Chemistry and Department of Physics to
 - Madia Department of Chemistry, Biochemistry, Physics, and Engineering
- Department of Geography and Regional Planning and Department of Geoscience to
 - Department of Geography, Geology, Environment, and Planning
- Department of Philosophy and Department of Religious Studies to
 - Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies
- Department of Finance and Department of Economics to
 - Department of Finance and Economics
- Department of Accounting to
 - Department of Accounting and Information Systems

Even though these changes were shared at the IUP Council of Trustees' May 2021 meeting, in an excess of caution, the Academic Affairs Committee is asking the council to formally approve for the record the department name changes above, along with the following college name changes, which do not require Senate approval.

College name changes:

- College of Fine Arts and College of Humanities and Social Sciences to
 - College of Arts and Humanities
- Eberly College of Business and Information Technology to
 - Eberly College of Business

Additionally, the Academic Affairs Committee recommends that the following new action that was approved by the University Senate at its meeting on September 7, 2021, be approved:

Departmental name change:

- Department of Employment and Labor Relations to
 - Department of Employment Relations and Health Services Administration

The following motion is recommended for approval:

THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE SENATE ACTIONS WHICH WERE APPROVED AT THE SEPTEMBER 7, 2021, MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE AND THE CHANGES WHICH WERE SHARED AT THE QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE IUP COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES ON MAY 6, 2021, AND SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED BY PRESIDENT DRISCOLL.

Provost Report

Lara Luetkehans, interim provost, introduced the two new interim deans: Sue Rieg, interim dean of the College of Education and Communications, and Steve Hovan, interim dean of the Kopchick College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics. Dr. Luetkehans provided an update on IUP NextGen as follows:

On Thursday, September 2, a fall kickoff for IUP NextGen, “Many Voices, One Future: The Road Ahead for IUP” was held. President Driscoll; vice presidents Patricia McCarthy and Khatmeh Osseiran-Hanna; Dr. Luetkehans; and University Planning Council cochairs Paula Stossel and Scott Moore shared information and updates about IUP’s strategic plan, the Strategic Enrollment Plan, and the evolving priorities for the next comprehensive campaign for IUP. Five IUP coordinating councils then invited faculty, students, staff, and managers to engage with the councils around the themes of student success, the NextGen campus, budget planning, general education, and future initiatives. There were approximately 250 participants. Notes are being transcribed to be shared with the councils. The councils are working to prepare white papers or sets of recommendations for consideration by President Driscoll, Cabinet, and University Senate.

This concludes my report.

Mark Holman, Chair
Academic Affairs Committee