

REPORT OF THE STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES
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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 the IUP Health Service was provided by Melissa Dick, Health Service director and nurse supervisor. She began with an introduction of the Health Service staff and the services offered to students, including the following categories of patient visits: wellness, illness/injury, nurse, sexual health, and mental health.

She spoke about what sets the health services at IUP apart from those at other institutions and from regional healthcare services. The Health Service's accreditation distinguishes it from other outpatient facilities for the highest quality of care as determined by an independent external evaluation process. Other services that elevate IUP's Health Service include the availability of mental health professionals to provide psychiatric help to students, laboratory services for rapid point-of-care testing, and the ability to conduct blood draws for specific lab providers.

Educational, out-of-classroom experiences are provided at the Health Service. IUP students, as a part of their academic program, participate in the areas of nursing, athletic training, public health internships, and nurse practitioner preceptor rotations.

An on-site pharmacy at the Health Service dispenses low-cost prescription and over-the-counter medication during a visit. In addition, a self-care center is stocked with grab-and-go, over-the-counter medications and supplies.

The Health Service offers what community providers cannot. For example, insurance is not billed for service, so any student can come and receive care, regardless of insurance carrier or lack of insurance. Also, the Health Service staff members are confidential reporters and are familiar with resources to help students. They are experts in college health and understand the stressors experienced by most college students.

Statistics were discussed, with the Health Service having 7,644 student visits in 2022-23 for physicals, illness/injury, nursing, and sexual health. The Health Service dispensed more than 600 flu shots and 492 COVID-19 vaccines. The average wait time from check-in to start of visit is less than two minutes. The most common age group visiting the Health Service is 19-year-olds. Actions and treatments when students visit the Health Service were also mentioned.

Another service is van transportation to local, off-campus providers and pharmacies, with 1,317 rides given to students last year.

The Health Service collaborates with many departments and offices across the IUP campus, the branch campuses, and the community. Disability Services, the Counseling Center, Orientation, Athletics, Indiana Regional Medical Center, and the Pennsylvania Department of Health were just a few mentioned from an extensive list. The presentation ended with positive comments about the Health Service from a student health service survey.

Samantha Goettman, associate director of Athletics and Compliance and senior women's administrator, provided an update on IUP Athletics' winter sports championships and spring sports.

This concludes my report.

Maura King, Chair
Student Affairs Committee