

REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES
Indiana University of Pennsylvania
May 4, 2023

Approval of Honorary Degree

The Academic Affairs Committee recommended the approval of an honorary doctor of science degree to be presented to Bonnie Harbison Anderson.

The following motion is recommended for approval:

THAT THE AWARDING OF AN HONORARY DOCTOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE TO BONNIE HARBISON ANDERSON AT COMMENCEMENT ON MAY 6, 2023, 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.

Twenty-seven program revisions were approved at the March 9, 2023, and April 27, 2023, IUP-APSCUF Representative Council meetings.

Six programs were placed in moratorium at the April 27, 2023, IUP-APSCUF Representative Council meeting.

One program was approved for variability of delivery at the April 27, 2023, IUP-APSCUF Representative Council meeting.

Two new tracks were approved at the April 27, 2023, IUP-APSCUF Representative Council meeting.

Three new certificates, Mathematics Education, Biorisk Management, and Pan-African Studies, were approved at the March and April 2023 IUP-APSCUF Representative Council meetings and will be forwarded to the Office of the Chancellor for review and approval.

At the February 7, March 7, and April 4, 2023, meetings, the University Senate approved revisions to nine undergraduate policies and one undergraduate/graduate policy.

The following motion is recommended for approval:

THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE IUP-APSCUF REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL ACTIONS WHICH WERE APPROVED AT THE FEBRUARY, MARCH, AND APRIL 2023 MEETINGS OF THE IUP-APSCUF REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL, APPROVED AT THE FEBRUARY, MARCH, AND APRIL 2023 MEETINGS OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE, AND SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED BY PRESIDENT DRISCOLL.

Provost Lara Luetkehans announced that the Eberly College of Business dean search has resulted in the successful hire of Stephen Ferris. Dr. Ferris will begin his post July 1. She also acknowledged the leadership of Prashanth Bharadwaj, who served as interim dean since January 2022. The remaining open dean searches for the College of Education and Communications and the School of Osteopathic Medicine are still in progress.

Provost Luetkehans then introduced IUP's STEAMSHOP team leads, Dean Hilliary Creely and professors Rick Adkins, Sharon Massey, and Sean Derry. The team shared updates on STEAMSHOP, IUP's interdisciplinary makerspace, highlighting new funding, current activities, and future plans. Their presentation provided insight into the mission, values, and background of the STEAMSHOP initiative, which promotes interdisciplinary, experiential learning through creative design, prototyping, and entrepreneurship. The STEAMSHOP leaders emphasized how makerspaces support student success by providing access, instruction, and community around 21st century technologies, increasing digital literacy, and intentional outreach to individuals who don't typically self-identify as tech-savvy. They further described STEAMSHOP's value in recruitment, retention, and workforce development, including pathways that connect regional high school students and others with the facility.

The STEAMSHOP leaders described significant progress on the student-facing aspects of the makerspace, including the development of a new interdisciplinary curriculum, the hiring of IUP's first "maker-in-residence," and the offering of workshops and the new Future Makers Forum speaker series, which brings visiting designers, engineers, entrepreneurs, and other changemakers from underrepresented backgrounds to IUP to help connect the community with the STEAMSHOP's initiatives.

Lastly, the STEAMSHOP leaders shared exciting developments made possible by two recent grants, including a \$1.5million award that will broaden STEAMSHOP activities and collaborations across Armstrong, Cambria, and Indiana counties. With these funds, IUP will purchase and install new equipment to expand capabilities in robotics, milling, artificial intelligence computing, drone use, and safety sciences; establish a STEAMSHOP satellite site in Armstrong County focused on physical computing; and expand training, workshops, makerspace access, and entrepreneur support to students, community members, and regional businesses across the tri-county region.

This concludes my report.

Mark Holman, Chair
Academic Affairs Committee