

REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES
Indiana University of Pennsylvania
December 14, 2023

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.

Eighteen program revisions were approved at the September 7, 2023, October 19, 2023, and November 9, 2023, IUP-APSCUF Representative Council meetings.

Three programs were placed in moratorium at the September 7, 2023, and November 9, 2023, IUP-APSCUF Representative Council meetings.

Two new certificates were approved at the October 19, 2023, and November 9, 2023, IUP-APSCUF Representative Council meetings and will be forwarded to the Office of the Chancellor for review and approval.

One new program, MBA in Business Analytics, was approved at the November 9, 2023, IUP-APSCUF Representative Council meeting and will be forwarded to the Office of the Chancellor for review and approval.

The following motion is recommended for approval:

THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE ACTIONS APPROVED AT THE SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, AND NOVEMBER 2023 MEETINGS OF THE IUP-APSCUF REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL, WHICH WERE SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED BY PRESIDENT DRISCOLL.

During a closed workshop with the IUP Council of Trustees, Provost Lara Luetkehans provided an update on the IUP Academic Program Review and Restructuring process. During the workshop, the provost shared the proposed academic college structure, which includes the College of Arts, Humanities, and Media; the College of Education and Human Services; the Eberly College of Business; the Kopchick College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics; the College of Health Sciences; and the University College. It was requested that the IUP Council of Trustees endorse the direction of the plans for the academic structure. Final changes will be presented to the IUP Council of Trustees for official approval at its quarterly meeting on March 7, 2024.

The following motion is recommended:

THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES ENDORSE THE PLANS FOR THE ACADEMIC STRUCTURE.

Next Provost Luetkehans introduced Hilliary Creely, dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Research.

Dean Creely shared brief updates from IUP's research administration team and introduced Tracy Eisenhower, who was appointed executive director of the IUP Research Institute on November 27 after the successful conclusion of a national search. Dr. Creely reported that the IUP Research Institute is a separate 501c3 affiliate that acts as IUP's office of sponsored projects and additionally provides contracted research administration services to PennWest and Commonwealth universities. Dr. Eisenhower provided details about IUP's FY2022-23 sponsored projects portfolio. Specifically, in 2022-23, IUP researchers submitted 116 proposals requesting a total of \$29M, of which 76 proposals were selected for funding, bringing in a record \$19.8M to the institution. Dr. Creely further reported that IUP's status as an R2 doctoral research university within the Carnegie Classification System is determined by two factors: the number of doctoral degrees awarded each year and the amount of qualifying research expenditures as reported on the annual National Science Foundation Higher Education Research and Development (NSF HERD) report. Dr. Creely shared that IUP's total NSF HERD research expenditures as reported for the most recent survey (FY2021-22) were \$6.3M.

Provost Luetkehans introduced Waleed Farag, director of the IUP Institute for Cybersecurity (ICS). Dr. Farag reported that the institute has made significant accomplishments that raise IUP's profile, not only regionally but throughout the US. The most recent substantial accomplishment was securing initial funding of \$4.98 million, with a total of \$11 million anticipated, for the largest grant in IUP history for the Pennsylvania Community College Consortium Cooperative Agreement (PC4A). This is a consortium of IUP and six community colleges working together to strengthen the nation's cybersecurity workforce. The project is funded by the Department of Defense National Defense Education Program and is one of only five awards issued in the country in 2022. Its three major objectives are increasing certification attainment rates, increasing transfers to four-year institutions, and increasing interest in Department of Defense employment.

This concludes my report.

Mark Holman, Chair
Academic Affairs Committee