

REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES
Indiana University of Pennsylvania
March 7, 2024

Approval of Honorary Degree

The Academic Affairs Committee recommended the approval of an honorary doctor of public service degree to be presented to Ellen Sylves Ruddock.

The following motion is recommended for approval:

THAT THE AWARDING OF AN HONORARY DOCTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE DEGREE TO ELLEN SYLVES RUDDOCK 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:

- Program revisions approved by the IUP-APSCUF Representative Council at its December 7, 2023, meeting as follows:
 - From the Department of Mathematical and Computer Sciences
 - Applied Statistics Minor
 - From the Department of Career and Technical Personnel Preparation
 - Career and Technical Administrative Director Certificate
 - From the Department of Kinesiology, Health, and Sport Science
 - Athletic Training, Master of Science
 - Exercise Science, Master of Science
 - From the Department of Management
 - Business, Doctor of Philosophy
 - From the Department of Professional Studies in Education
 - Curriculum and Instruction, Doctor of Education
 - From the Department of English
 - English/Composition and Applied Linguistics, Doctor of Philosophy
 - From the Department of Sociology
 - Sociology, Master of Arts

The following motion is recommended for approval:

THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE ACTIONS APPROVED AT THE DECEMBER 2023 MEETING OF THE IUP-APSCUF REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL, WHICH WERE SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED BY PRESIDENT DRISCOLL.

Provost Lara Luetkehans provided an overview of the progress made on the IUP Academic Program Review and Restructuring process. She recapped the goals, work completed since the December report, and next steps in the process as IUP moves toward implementation of the academic and support area restructuring.

Next, Provost Luetkehans introduced Miko Rose, founding dean of IUP's proposed college of osteopathic medicine. Dr. Rose provided an update on funding and fundraising, outreach efforts with regional healthcare and government partners, progress toward accreditation, and recruitment of additional college of osteopathic medicine staff. Dr. Rose also shared information about a new collaborative research project between IUP and the Pennsylvania Area Health Education Center that will add significantly to the understanding of the characteristics and needs of primary care physicians who practice in rural areas. These findings will contribute to IUP's recruitment and enrollment strategy for the proposed college of osteopathic medicine and will more broadly contribute to addressing the shortage of primary care physicians in rural areas across the nation. Hilliary Creely, dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Research, is also a collaborator on this project.

This concludes my report.

Mark Holman, Chair
Academic Affairs Committee