

UNIVERSITY SENATE AGENDA
EBERLY AUDITORIUM

November 7, 2023

3:45 – 5:00 p.m.

Approval of Order

- A. Approval of minutes from October 3, 2023 meeting
- B. Approval of current agenda items and order

Reports and Announcements

Appendix

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- A. President Driscoll
- B. Provost Luetkehans
- C. Chairperson Seal
- D. Vice Chairperson Oraskovich

Standing Committee Reports

Chairperson

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| A. Rules Committee | Decker | | |
| B. University-Wide Undergraduate Curriculum Committee | Sechrist | | |
| C. University-Wide Graduate Committee | Moore/Gossett | | |
| D. Academic Affairs Committee | Dugan | | |
| E. Awards Committee | Paul | | |
| F. Noncredit Committee | O’Neil | | |
| G. Library and Education Services Committee | Chadwick | | |
| H. Research Committee | Sciulli/Guth | A | 2 |
| I. Student Affairs Committee | Benjamin | B | 3-4 |
| J. University Development and Finance Committee | Drye | | |

Senate Representative Reports

Representative

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| A. University Planning Council | Moore |
| B. Presidential Athletic Advisory Council | Castle |
| C. Academic Computing Policy Advisory Committee | |
| D. University Budget Advisory Committee | Soni |

New Business

**Appendix A
Research Committee
Chair Sciulli**

FOR INFORMATION:

Meeting Minutes – October 10, 2023

Members Present: Lorraine Guth, Lisa Sciulli, Todd Vanwieren, Valerie Gunter

There were 9 USRC small grant proposals for review and the decision was made to fund 7 totaling \$9,804. This month's proposals consisted of 9 travel proposals.

Awarded Proposals:

- Parimal Bhagat
- Yong Colen
- David Ferguson
- Bryna Siegel Finer
- Holly Rougeux
- Ramesh Soni
- Robert Sweeny

See USRC website for research and travel funding opportunities.

Appendix B
Senate Committee on Student Affairs
Chair Benjamin

FOR INFORMATION:

Meeting – October 17, 2023

Committee Members Present: Mimi Benjamin, Lou Garzarelli, Laura Krulikowski, Jess Baum Mehus, Jeremy Risinger, Tom Segar, Russell Stocker, Leo Yan, Koga Chilume, Regan Colatta-Rigney, Alanah Jones, Summer MacPherson, Ava Moriarity, Lexi Puskar, Kate Weakland, Dimitri Woods.

Student Government Association Remarks

- *Abby Hancox, Student Government Association President*
- In response to the off-campus incident of violence on October 8, SGA, in collaboration with GSA, hosted an information session on October 10. Dr. Segar, Michelle Fryling, and Chief Stringer were in attendance to provide information and answer questions students had about the incident.
- The majority of the student concerns revolved around IUP's response to the incident. After the session, I do believe that the students with such concerns were able walk away with a better understanding of IUP emergency response protocol, especially with this incident being off campus.
- Students in attendance expressed interest in active shooter trainings for students, faculty, etc. As such, SGA will be looking to host an active shooter training for students in the future.

Graduate Student Assembly Remarks

- *Koga Chilume, Graduate Student Assembly President*
- Echoed the information provided by Abby Hancox. GSA will continue to work to provide future additional resources.

Vice President for Student Affairs' Remarks

- *Dr. Thomas Segar, Vice President for Student Affairs*
- Appreciated students wanting to share their thoughts and feelings regarding the occurrence. Information regarding training from University Police is forthcoming and will focus on keeping the IUP community safe.
- Student Affairs and University Police work hand in hand with other university and community partners to keep the campus community safe.
- The addition of Marketing and Communications with Student Affairs will lead to a great opportunity to enhance the communications sent to the university community.
- Encouraging students to sign-up for Everbridge is an important part of the onboarding process and will continue in the future.

New Business

- A vote was taken to determine preferred meeting method for future meetings. The committee will continue to meet via Zoom.
- Article Discussion - Survey: Barriers to college students' campus engagement (insidehighered.com)
The article identified advertising (students not being aware of opportunities), conflicts with

days/times of activities and other commitments (often work) as primary barriers from a national survey. It also highlighted some of the benefits of on-campus work for students and noted that incentives for attendance/participation can be helpful. The article also indicated that students want in-person activities as opposed to virtual, and their primary goal of participation in co-curricular involvement is to meet new people.

- Discussion of barriers to engagement and how they impact our students at IUP.
 - Feeling of connectedness.
 - Lack of available time due to needing to work.
 - Some students may feel connected because of their involvement with athletics or other groups.
 - Some students do not feel the need to engage with others because they have found their group.
- How can we help students select a modest number of things to be involved in?
 - Quality vs quantity.
 - 15-20 hours of employment per week is the sweet spot.
 - Need for students to have events where they can bring their friend groups and events where they can meet new friends.
- Advertisement
 - Word of mouth and social media are the main methods as of now.
- Employment
 - Considerations being made to reduce the level of clearance required to be employed on campus. However, one student member indicated that having the clearances as part of that process can be helpful for other activities that require them, like internships.
- Student Affairs Organization Review
 - Dr. Segar shared the organizational structure for Student Affairs to provide context for the committee's work.

Forthcoming Business (Suggested *items of business to be addressed in 2023-2024*)

- Data we have on the students we lose – common themes/factors.
 - Invitation to Paula Stossel and others to speak.

Next meeting – November 14 at 3:45 p.m.