

**UNIVERSITY SENATE AGENDA**  
**EBERLY AUDITORIUM**

November 5, 2024  
3:45 – 5:00 p.m.

**Approval of Order**

- A. Approval of minutes from October 1, 2024 meeting
- B. Approval of current agenda items and order

**Reports and Announcements**

**Appendix**

**Page(s)**

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

**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. Awards Committee                                   | Paul          |   |     |
| E. Noncredit Committee                                | O’Neil        |   |     |
| F. Library and Education Services Committee           | Chadwick      |   |     |
| G. Research Committee                                 | Sciulli       | A | 2   |
| H. Student Affairs Committee                          | Benjamin      | B | 3   |
| I. University Development and Finance Committee       | McDaniel      |   |     |
| J. Academic Committee                                 | Dugan         | C | 4-9 |

**Senate Representative Reports**

**Representative**

- |   |        |
|---|--------|
| 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  
Co-Chairs Guth and Sciulli**

**FOR INFORMATION:**

**Meeting Minutes – October 8, 2024**

The committee reviewed 9 USRC small grant proposals and awarded funds for 6, totaling \$5,476.

- Maryanne Benjamin
- Vida Irani
- Soundararajan Ezekiel
- Valerie Long
- Suneel Maheshwari
- Jason Worzbyt

**Appendix B**  
**Student Affairs Committee**  
**Senator Benjamin**

**FOR INFORMATION:**

**Meeting** – October 15, 2024

**The following committee members were present:** Jess Baum Mehus, Kaylee Becker-George, Mimi Benjamin, Jean-Louis Dassier, Rachel Fox, Laura Krulikowski, Seeyin Lo, Jeremy Risinger, Tom Segar

**The following committee members were absent:** Rachel Fox, Lou Garzarelli

**The following guests were present:** Dr. Adam Jones, Dean of Students, Mattie Updyke, graduate student, and Cooper Hicks, graduate student

**Student Government Association Remarks**

- *Kaylee Becker-George, Student Government Association President*
- SGA Senators have been appointed to SCOSA and will join the next meeting.
- Norm's 16<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party will be held on October 16, 2024.
- Chat with the Deans program will be held on November 15, 2024, location to follow.

**Graduate Student Assembly Remarks**

- *Hamzah Sammour, Graduate Student Assembly President*
- Not present

**Vice President for Student Affairs' Remarks**

- *Dr. Thomas Segar, Vice President for Student Affairs*
- Pleased with the outcome of a great Homecoming weekend (except the football game).
- Please follow the Student Life Instagram (@iup\_studentlife) account and check the Central Calendar for events throughout the semester.

**New Business**

- Policy Review: Statement of Relationship of General Fraternities and Sororities
  - The committee conducted a review of the Statement of Relationship of General Fraternities and Sororities. Recommended updates will be provided to the Division of Student Affairs.
  - The purpose of the policy is to establish the guidelines for social Greek letter organizations to convey rules for what it means to be a recognized social Greek letter organization.

**Forthcoming Business**

- The committee will complete the review of the Statement of Relationship of General Fraternities and Sororities and will begin the review of the Community Standards Policy.

**Next meeting** – November 12, 2024 at 3:30 p.m. in G-12 Ruddock Hall.

**Appendix C**

**Academic Committee  
Chair Dugan**

**FOR ACTION:**

**1. Program for Visiting High School Students (Dual Enrollment)**

**CURRENT**

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**PROPOSED**

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**Rationale:** Updated policy for accuracy

**2. Freshman Applications**

**CURRENT**

**FRESHMAN APPLICATIONS**

SAT or ACT scores are not required for admission. New students can be admitted without SAT or ACT scores to select majors if high school cumulative GPA requirements are met. For those students who choose to take the SAT or ACT, it's recommended to test during the junior and/or early part of the senior year. If a student tests more than once, the committee considers the highest scores from all tests taken.

Arrangements to take the SAT or ACT tests can be made online at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) for the SAT or [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) for the ACT, through your high school counselor, or by writing to the College Entrance Examination Board, Box 592, Princeton, NJ 08540, or American College Testing, P.O. Box 168, Iowa City, IA, 52243

In order for the test scores to be received by IUP, the applicant should designate IUP on the test registration form (SAT code 2652, ACT code 3704) as one of the universities to receive the scores, or the applicant can request that his or her school counselor forward test scores to the Admissions office.

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**Rationale:** Policy was updated to reflect current standards and requirements.

### **3. Grades and Quality Points**

#### **CURRENT**

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(approved 3.1.2022)

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**P Passed** 0 quality points/credit (for credit courses only)

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**EXM Examination**

## **FOL Portfolio Assessment**

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**L Late Grade/Continuing Course**—For more information, see policy explanation.

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**R Research in progress** (graduate thesis/dissertation only)

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## **XMT Exemption**

**W Withdrawal**—For more information, see policy explanation.

\* **Grade not reported by instructor.** No grade information was reported by the end of the normal grading period.

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**Rationale:** The addition of the TRD grade allows departments to discern whether a student's transfer course meets their curriculum requirements.

#### **4. Undergraduate Admissions Policy**

##### **CURRENT**

##### **UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS POLICY**

Graduates of an accredited four-year high school or holders of a GED equivalency diploma are qualified to apply for admission to IUP. Students who have completed the junior year of high school may file an application any time after July first. Requests for applications should be addressed to

Office of Admissions  
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Applicants are strongly urged to take the usual college preparatory program in high school. Applicants should also take any available high school courses in the field of their intended major. Certain majors at IUP require completion of a foreign language at the intermediate level to earn a bachelor's degree. The Admissions Committee does not require an applicant to take a foreign language in high school for admission to these majors; however, it is in the student's best interest to do so.

SAT/ACT scores are not required for merit scholarship consideration at IUP, but if submitted, could potentially impact the amount of scholarship dollars offered. If you are applying for scholarships external to IUP, test scores may be required for consideration

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Academically qualified applicants to the departments of Art, Music, and Theatre and Dance will be admitted to the university by the Admissions Committee. However, admission to the requested major will be subject to the acceptance by the Department of Art after a portfolio review and by the departments of Music (all majors), and Theatre, Dance and Performance departments after an audition. Students will receive information from the Art, Music, and Theater and Dance departments concerning auditions and portfolio reviews once they have been accepted to IUP.

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**Rationale:** The Academic Committee worked with Admissions to ensure that this policy was reflective of current requirements and references.