

**MINUTES OF THE
IUP UNIVERSITY SENATE**

OCTOBER 1, 2024

Chairperson Seal called the October 1, 2024 meeting of the University Senate to order at 3:45 PM, in Eberly Auditorium.

Attendance at the Senate meeting is on the Senate website under Meeting Minutes.

Senate Minutes for the September 10, 2024 meeting were **APPROVED**.

Agenda items for the October 1, 2024 meeting were **APPROVED**.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

President's Report

The current cycle of MSCHE reaffirmation of IUP's institutional accreditation is in full swing. There are two upcoming opportunities for engagement and I encourage you to be engaged.

First, on Monday, October 7, there will be a session where you can learn more about IUP's draft self study and provide your feedback on opportunities, strengths, and challenges. It's targeted toward employees, but student leaders are also welcome. Monday, Oct 7, starting at in the Blue Room in Sutton Hall starting at 11:20am.

Second, later this month, the chair of the MSCHE evaluation team will have his initial visit to IUP. He'll be here on October 15 and 16. There will be an open forum for the university community. Please watch for the details later this month.

Thanks to everyone involved in the work on accreditation. Special thanks to Edel Reilly and Paula Stossel, who are co-chairing the steering committee. If you have questions please feel free to contact them.

I also call to your attention the Student Support and Registration Fair that will be held on Monday, October 14, from 4-6pm in Leonard Hall. The goal is provide students information and support as they get ready to register for Spring semester. That's especially important as they navigate the academic restructuring. Please encourage students to attend.

The State System Board of Education will meet in Harrisburg next week, with workshops on October 9 and the public meeting on October 10. Key agenda items should be: approval of a budget request for next fiscal year to be sent to the governor's office; approval of capital budget allocations for this year; and official appointment of the interim chancellor, Dr. Chris

Fiorentino. It will be Chancellor Greenstein's last meeting and I expect that he will be honored as well.

This coming weekend is IUP Homecoming. There are a great many activities planned. The Homecoming Parade will start at 10am on Saturday, October 5th. That will be followed by a homecoming crimson huddle for alumni (and everyone) at the KCAC. IUP Football will take on Slippery Rock at 2pm at Miller Stadium. I hope you can get out and enjoy the fun. The Indiana Area Collaborative Team (I-ACT) held its public stakeholders meeting earlier today to encourage everyone to have a good and safe time.

The Fall freeze enrollment numbers are now available and a press release with all the details will go out soon. A remarkable success is that retention of last fall's new undergraduate student cohort increased to 75.3% an increase of over 4 percentage point over last year. This increase is because of your great work to support our students. Thank you. Overall headcount enrollment is 9,081, down 1.9% from last fall's 9,251. We expected a drop, particularly in new students, because of the US Department of Education's problems with the roll out of the new FAFSA form and process. The fall enrollment is significantly higher than we had anticipated, which is good news for our students and IUP's financial sustainability.

Thank you for all you are doing for IUP and IUP's students.

Provost's Report

With Homecoming this weekend, I want to make sure to remind everyone to continue to hold high expectations for academic excellence for students. Please don't cancel classes on Friday; please talk with students about healthy choices and behaviors. There are some very nice opportunities this weekend that are alternative activities for some of the non-sanctioned activities. Dennis Frketich and I sent out a message today to faculty to remind you about this but for all the members of the university community, I ask that as you have opportunities and you're talking with students, please encourage a good, positive, fun experience this weekend to celebrate Homecoming.

I appreciate your patience in waiting for Curriculog to open. We had some technical issues with Modern Campus. These issues are resolved, and the templates are available. We have a couple of key dates that you need to keep in mind: for new courses or revisions that you want be available for scheduling for fall 2025; these need to be submitted by December 13th. Program review revisions and other program proposals need to be submitted by April 15. I also want to remind folks that the new APSCUF Collective Bargaining Agreement includes new language regarding modes of delivery. Curriculog templates are updated to reflect these changes. Both the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee and the Graduate Curriculum Committee reviewed the contract language and our previous approval processes and have determined that our previous processes are in alignment, Therefore both committees have recommended that courses that have DE approval do not need to be resubmitted. The process for seeking new DE approval will use

the newly revised templates. If you have any questions, you will not contact Edel, instead you will contact Sharon Procter.

From our Research and Innovation area, I want to remind folks that on October 4th 2:30-3:30 pm we have a grand opening of the satellite STEAMSHOP in Stapleton Library. There will be some fun activities. The entire campus community is welcome to participate. We also have a student research grant opportunity that's open now in InfoReady. Students can apply for up to \$1,000 to support their research. Applications are due by November 1st. Lastly, our folks in Research and Innovation are very interested in understanding the campus' needs so they will be sending out a needs assessment survey. Please be watching for this in your email boxes. Please reply with feedback to our colleagues in that area so that they can develop resources and support for you.

In terms of the Academic Program Review and Restructuring, we are working really hard on trying to make sure that we have a clear and good process going forward for implementing the program review outcomes, for looking at the remaining programs, and for developing an ongoing process. We're bringing together various teams and groups to bring all of this to fruition. I don't have anything specific to share with you today, but I just want you to know that that work is continuing, and that more information will be coming soon.

I get a lot of questions about whether there will be any physical moves. I just want to remind folks that we are aligning the Academic Restructuring with the Long-Range Facilities Master Plan. I assure you that nobody will be surprised with a last-minute call to make any moves for the winter break. There will be no moves set up over the winter break. We are aiming for a good solid systematic plan with a concierge approach. We are aiming to begin these moves in the summer of 2025.

The Center for Teaching Excellence asked that I share, particularly with faculty, that there is a faculty promotion information session on October 9th at 4:30 via zoom. There are many other opportunities available for professional development from the CTE. This information is available on their website.

Lastly, I just want to share a small win. As you know, we've been talking a lot about credentials, other than degree programs, what those could look like, and what that might mean for us. About a year ago we started a Healthcare Leadership Certificate. This is a non-credit certificate. We had some really nice success with this certificate. Over this past summer and fall, we had 55 professionals complete the certificate with industry partners from Chester County, Westmoreland, Allegheny, IUP Punxsutawney, UPMC, and Community Life, so that's pretty exciting. Our first quarter revenue was about \$24,000 and we had 12 faculty during the summer and 7 faculty this fall involved in teaching those nonprofits. Again, this is just a small nugget but it's building some momentum. It's getting our name out, and it's demonstrating what training certificates can look like. It's something that is a good example of things we might be exploring in our future in addition to for-credit programs. I appreciate all of the folks that are involved in getting that certificate off the ground.

Question from Dr. Stephanie Jozefowicz: I have a question about the curriculum deadline in December. These curriculum changes need to come forward but it's really scary because of the planning for scheduling that happens around the same time.

Answer from Provost Luetkehans: The December deadline is to ensure that any new courses or revisions to courses that would be put on the books for next fall are making their way through curriculum. This is the driver. We encourage folks to be moving those forward and I ask you to focus on those courses that you want to offer and schedule in the fall of 2025.

Chairperson's Report

- We always want to be thinking in a forward direction especially considering the changes being made with respect to Crimson Core. If you have any questions or need help then please reach out.

Vice Chairperson Report

- GSA had their first meeting on September 20 and will have their second meeting on October 14.
- GSA is reviewing the results from a survey that was sent out to graduate students.
- GSA has five new executive officers, and they are looking forward to having a good year.
- SGA is meeting tonight. SGA has been working to reorganize its academic affairs committee to align with the recent academic restructuring at IUP.
- SGA has been addressing food insecurity associated with students.

Rules Committee (Senator Decker)

- The Rules Committee hopes to be conducting special elections for curriculum committees soon.
- The committee is working to reorganize Senate committees to align with the recent academic restructuring at IUP. Several options are being considered including reducing the number of members on committees or merging committees.
- The committee will meet next Tuesday.

University-Wide Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (Senator Sechrist)

- The committee had no report.

University-Wide Graduate Committee (Senator Moore)

- The committee will meet next Tuesday via Zoom.

Academic Committee (Senator Dugan)

- The committee had no report and will meet next Tuesday.

Awards Committee (Senator Paul)

- The committee had no report and will meet next Tuesday via Zoom.

Noncredit Committee (Senator O’Neill)

- The committee needs additional members.

Library and Education Service Committee (Senator Chadwick)

- The committee had no report and will meet next Tuesday at 3:45 pm.

Research Committee (Senator Sciulli)

- The committee will meet next Tuesday via Zoom.

FOR INFORMATION:

Meeting Minutes -- September 17, 2024

Note: The USRC has a vacancy for the College of Arts, Humanities, Media, and Public Affairs.

There were 4 USRC small grant proposals for review and the decision was made to fund 3, totaling \$4,144.

Proposals Awarded:

- Holly Branthoover
- Framarz Byramjee
- Brittany Pollard

Student Affairs Committee (Senator Benjamin)

- The committee had its first meeting in September and met with Adam Jones, Dean of Students. He provided the committee with some guidance about policy review. The committee will start reviewing policies at its next meeting.
- The committee will meet on October 15, 2024.

University Development and Finance Committee (Senator McDaniel)

- The committee met last week with Adam Jones, Dean of Students and Elise Glenn, Title IX coordinator/compliance specialist to review the Facilities Use Policy and Sign and Posting Policy revisions that were enacted over the summer.
- The committee will meet on October 29.

University Planning Council (Senator Moore)

FOR INFORMATION:

The University Planning Council (UPC) has been charged by Dr. Driscoll to guide the continued implementation of the current IUP Strategic Plan (2020-2028) and to advise the President on related matters. To achieve this, UPC has restructured both its membership and its overall structure. UPC has created the following two subcommittees whose charge will be to:

1. Map completed and in-progress IUP initiatives to the Strategic Plan, identify areas for opportunity to address gaps and/or overlapping initiatives, and consider markers and measures for success.
2. Resolve reported barriers to student success and think imaginatively about developing creative and innovative ideas to move the University forward in its goal to serve future students.

Presidential Athletic Advisory Council (Senator Castle)

- There was no report.

Academic Computing Policy Advisory Committee

- The committee will meet on October 16 via Zoom.

University Budget Advisory Committee (Senator Soni)

- The committee met last week and discussed strategies to increase housing occupancy.
- Meeting minutes will be made available to all Senators.

New Business

There was no new business.

Respectfully submitted by
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