

**MINUTES OF THE  
IUP UNIVERSITY SENATE**

**NOVEMBER 5, 2024**

Chairperson Seal called the November 5, 2024 meeting of the University Senate to order at 3:45 PM, in Eberly Auditorium.

Senate Minutes for the October 1, 2024 meeting were **APPROVED**.

Agenda items for the November 5, 2024 meeting were **APPROVED**.

**REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**President's Report**

Please vote if you haven't already done so.

Next Wednesday, November 13, 11:20-12:15, in the Blue Room is our next conversation in the series. I'll be giving a brief update on our progress with the College of Medicine and will provide a glimpse of IUP's future for our ongoing discussion. There will be time for questions and comments.

At the October Board of Governors meeting, we bid farewell to Chancellor Greenstein and welcomed interim Chancellor Chris Fiorentino, recently retired president of West Chester. Chris has already hit the ground running, engaging with key legislators and assessing the work of the Office of the Chancellor. The search for the next chancellor is moving ahead with stakeholder surveys and meetings. The hope is that the next chancellor will be in place next July.

The Board also reappointed IUP student Abby Hancox as a student member of the board and approved a \$2 million capital allocation for design of the renovations needed to house the forthcoming College of Osteopathic Medicine.

The new State Board of Higher Education has met twice, primarily on organizational matters. The board is meant to coordinate all sectors of higher education in Pennsylvania, set strategy and perhaps policy. The board is chaired by State System Board of Governors Chair, Cindy Shapira. Also on the board are ESU president Ken Long and IUP's Bobbie Zapor.

Thanks for all you are doing for our students and to further IUP's mission. Happy Thanksgiving.

**Provost's Report**

First, I want to thank folks for all their hard work. These past few weeks, in particular, have been dense with curricular work, and supporting our students in the advising and registration

process. So far, it appears that the registration process is going smoothly. If you are aware of challenges for our faculty, staff, or students, please let me know.

I do want to give you a heads up on some events coming up. On November 21 from 8:00 to 5:00, the Pennsylvania Mountains Rural Health Conference will be held at the KCAC. This is a collaboration between IUP and IRMC. Your affiliation with IUP gains you access to a day full of great opportunities to interact with our colleagues at IRMC. This year's focus is on rural mental health. I encourage you to look at the agenda and stop in for as much of it as you can.

I also have some updates and reminders about Crimson Core. Our team has put together some opportunities for you to get support as we work through the curriculum. There are consultation hours via zoom scheduled every Monday from 11:15 to noon and every Thursday from 2:30 to 3:15, with the exception of Thanksgiving Day. Please feel free to drop in as you are thinking through courses that you would like to propose, or if you have questions about the competencies, guardrails, or expectations for the courses.

I also want to share that Luke Faust sent an email to faculty about an opportunity to explore FLY (First Learning Year) courses. This session will be held on November 22 from 11:10 to 12:20 in B34 Stabley. A zoom link was provided in the email. Again, this is a nice opportunity to explore the exciting courses that we're bringing forward for our students.

In addition, I want to remind you that courses that are to be offered in Fall of 2025 must be submitted through Curriculog by December 13.

Lastly, I'm pleased to share that Cabinet has approved some tenure track faculty searches and some opportunities for exploring some new ways to think about how we meet our curricular needs. Faculty searches have been approved in Safety Sciences and Environmental Engineering, Finance, and Psychology. We are also going to look at some new ways of thinking about a faculty position. We are looking at regular part-time positions and trying to issue earlier contracts for full-year temporary positions in areas we know that we're hiring. We are also looking at internal transfers as a way to meet some of our needs. This is a clear demonstration that we are meeting our sustainability goals and starting to rebuild in a good direction.

For information:

The Provost has accepted the recommendations for curriculum actions endorsed by the IUP-APSCUF Representative Council at their November 7, 2024, meeting as follows:

From the University-Wide Undergraduate Curriculum Committee:

- A. The following program revision will be forwarded to the Council of Trustees for final approval:
  - Health and Physical Education/K-12 Teacher Education, BSED

From the University-Wide Graduate Committee:

- A. The following programs are being placed in moratorium:
  - Sports Science/Sports Studies, MS

- Health and Physical Education/Adapted Physical Activity, MEd
- Health and Physical Education/Community Health Education, MEd

### **Chairperson's Report**

- Chair Seal discussed his recent trip to Vietnam. He was part of a contingency with the American Industrial Hygiene Association.

### **Vice Chairperson Report**

- GSA is meeting on November 13 at 4:30 pm via Zoom. They are continuing to work on a survey recently conducted on IUP graduate students.
- SGA has been working hard to help students with voting.
- SGA is having a Chat with the Deans event on November 15 from 3 to 5 pm. Please let your students know about it.

### **Rules Committee (Senator Decker)**

- The Rules Committee continues to work on the modernization of the Senate. We recently met with committee chairs and another representative from each committee. Many good ideas were shared with the Rules Committee during this meeting.
- The committee will meet next Tuesday, November 12.

### **University-Wide Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (Senator Sechrist)**

- The committee had no report.

### **University-Wide Graduate Committee (Senator Moore)**

- The committee will meet next Tuesday, November 12 via Zoom.

### **Awards Committee (Senator Paul)**

- The committee has placed the forms for this year's IUP Senate Awards on its website.
- The committee will meet on Tuesday, November 19.

### **Noncredit Committee (Senator O'Neill)**

- The committee had no report.

### **Libraries and Educational Services Committee (Senator Chadwick)**

- The committee had no report and will meet next Tuesday, November 12 at 3:45 pm.

### **Research Committee (Senator Sciulli)**

- The committee will meet next Tuesday, November 12 via Zoom.

### **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

### **Student Affairs Committee (Senator Benjamin)**

The committee will meet next Tuesday, November 12.

### **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.

### **University Development and Finance Committee (Senator McDaniel)**

- The committee has reviewed the Facilities Use Policy and Sign and Posting Policy revisions that were enacted during the summer. The committee endorses these policies.

### **FOR ACTION:**

- A motion was made to accept the recommendation from the University Development and Finance Committee regarding the Facilities Use Policy and Sign and Posting Policy revisions.
- The motion was **APPROVED**.

### **Academic Committee (Senator Dugan)**

The committee will meet Tuesday, November 12.

### **FOR ACTION:**

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

**APPROVED**

### **CURRENT**

#### **Program for Visiting High School Students (Dual Enrollment)**

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**PROPOSED**

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**Rationale:** Updated policy for accuracy

**2. Freshman Applications**

**APPROVED**

**CURRENT**

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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

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

### 3. Grades and Quality Points

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#### **CURRENT**

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(approved 3.1.2022)

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**N Non-participation Failure** 0 quality points/credit

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

**S Satisfactory** 0 quality points (for 0-credit courses only)

**U Unsatisfactory** 0 quality points (for 0-credit courses only)

#### **Other Designations (carrying no quality points):**

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**EXM Examination**

**FOL Portfolio Assessment**

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

**OL Other Location**

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

**TR Transfer**

**XMT Exemption**

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\* **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

**APPROVED**

### **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  
Indiana University of Pennsylvania  
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Indiana, PA 15705  
724-357-2230

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The Admissions Committee, giving equal opportunity to all students, will take the following criteria into consideration when reviewing each application: grades and courses taken, SAT or ACT scores, if available, high school counselor recommendations, and other pertinent information that would be helpful to the Admissions Committee in making decisions. New students can be admitted without SAT or ACT scores to select majors if high school cumulative GPA requirements are met. SAT or ACT scores, are not required for transfer applicants, veterans, or applicants who have graduated from high school more than one year before applying. However, transcripts from high school and all colleges previously attended are required of all applicants.

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

Applications are considered by the Admissions Committee on a rolling basis. Under a rolling admissions policy, applications are reviewed as they become complete. Decisions can range from automatic acceptance, to requests for additional information, to other alternatives, with a May 1 deadline for nonrefundable tuition deposits.

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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Academically qualified applicants to the majors of Music, Musical Theatre, and Graphic Design will be admitted to the university by the Admissions Committee. However, admission to the requested major will be subject to the acceptance of the academic department where the major resides after a portfolio review (Graphic Design) or an audition (all Music majors and Musical Theatre) by these departments. Students will receive information from these departments concerning auditions and portfolio reviews once they have been accepted to IUP.

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

#### **University Planning Council (Senator Moore)**

- There was no report.

#### **Presidential Athletic Advisory Council (Senator Castle)**

- The committee recently met, and a report will be on the December agenda.

#### **Academic Computing Policy Advisory Committee**

- The committee will meet on November 20 via Zoom.

#### **University Budget Advisory Committee (Senator Soni)**

- The committee had no report.

#### **New Business**

- Mr. Shawn Jones and his staff have organized an event that is bringing prospective undergraduate students of color from the east coast to IUP. This is essential work and

they should be commended for the job they are doing to help bring more students of color to IUP.

Respectfully submitted by  
Russell Stocker  
University Senate Secretary