

REPORT OF THE STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES

Indiana University of Pennsylvania

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The Student Affairs Committee met today with Vice President for Student Affairs Tom Segar.

The meeting began with opening remarks about the Student Affairs Division.

Cathy Dugan, director/chair of the Department for Disability Access and Advising (D2A2), gave a presentation on the department and shared its mission and vision. A chart with data illustrating the percentage of change in students served by D2A2 showed a steady increase in students receiving assistance. A pie chart listed the type of disabilities at IUP in 2023 and their percentage of students. Emotional/psychological disabilities were the largest at 46 percent, and visual and hearing were the smallest at 1 percent each.

Fall to spring retention was discussed. The number of students registered with D2A2 for fall 2022 was 1,019, and spring 2023 started with 917 students. Fewer than 10 percent of students were dismissed or did not schedule.

The students who use D2A2 services do not always reach out for the services on their own. Many come from environments in which arrangements for service were made for them. Or, by having a disability, they may have felt singled out. Because of this, D2A2 does a great deal with students involving intensive advising, reaching out, helping, and reminding.

Important concepts, the process of enrolling for services, types of accommodations, exam proctoring, the work after the accommodation plan, and newer accommodations/requests for assistance were discussed. The nature of the current disabled student population increasingly challenges old standards. Depending on the situation, deadlines, attendance, etc. can be viewed as arbitrary. The landscape keeps changing, and D2A2 keeps evolving.

The presentation ended with positive student comments about their experience with D2A2.

Athletics Operations Assistant Alexiss Griggs provided an update on IUP Athletics for winter and spring. She also reported that six IUP Athletics resolutions will be presented at the public meeting.

ATHLETIC RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR IUP MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

WHEREAS, five members of the IUP swimming team—Paige Mikesell, Rachel Johnson, Jordan Crupie, Amber Baldani, and Athanasios Diamantidis—earned All-America honors at the NCAA Division II Swimming and Diving Championships in Indianapolis in March;

WHEREAS, the 200 and 400 medley relay grouping of Ms. Crupie, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Mikesell, and Ms. Baldani received All-America recognition, setting a new school record in the 400 medley relay and helping the IUP women’s swimming program to a 15th place finish at the NCAA championship meet;

WHEREAS, junior Athanasios Diamantidis earned All-America honors in the 200-yard breaststroke with a 12th-place finish;

WHEREAS, graduate student Rachel Johnson earned four All-America honors, finishing as national runner-up in the 100-yard breaststroke and sixth in the 200 breaststroke, in addition to her placement in the 200 and 400 medley relays;

WHEREAS, Ms. Johnson, who has a 4.0 cumulative grade point average, also was named the PSAC Champion Scholar for women’s swimming at the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference swimming championships and won the NCAA Elite 90 award;

WHEREAS, senior Paige Mikesell earned six All-America honors—finishing sixth in the 200-yard individual medley, sixth in the 200 freestyle, fourth in the 100 butterfly, and fifth in the 200 butterfly, in addition to her placements in the 200 and 400 medley relay—and later earned College Sports Communicators’ Academic All-America Team Member of the Year for Division II;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of Trustees of Indiana University of Pennsylvania commends these members of the IUP swimming program for their accomplishments at the 2023 NCAA championships.

The Student Affairs Committee recommends that the resolution of commendation for men’s and women’s swimming be approved, and I so move.

ATHLETIC RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR RACHEL JOHNSON

WHEREAS, IUP women’s swimming student-athlete Rachel Johnson was named the recipient of the prestigious NCAA Division II Elite 90 Award, presented to the athlete with the highest cumulative grade point average participating at the finals site for each of the NCAA’s championships;

WHEREAS, Ms. Johnson was named a College Sports Communicators (CSC) First-Team Academic All-America and Academic All-District honoree, with a 4.0 grade point average;

WHEREAS, Ms. Johnson was selected as the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Champion Scholar for the second straight season at the swimming and diving championships;

WHEREAS, Ms. Johnson defended her title in the 100-yard breaststroke at the 2023 PSAC championships in March and earned four all-conference honors;

WHEREAS, Ms. Johnson earned four All-America honors at the 2023 NCAA Division II Swimming and Diving Championships, finishing as national runner-up in the 100-yard breaststroke and sixth in the 200 breaststroke, in addition to her placement in the 200 and 400 medley relay;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of Trustees of Indiana University of Pennsylvania commends Rachel Johnson for her accomplishments.

The Student Affairs Committee recommends that the resolution of commendation for Rachel Johnson be approved, and I so move.

ATHLETIC RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR PAIGE MIKESELL

WHEREAS, IUP women's swimming student-athlete Paige Mikesell was named the 2022-23 College Sports Communicators' Division II Academic All-America Team Member of the Year;

WHEREAS, Ms. Mikesell has a perfect 4.0 cumulative grade point average at IUP, starting as an undergraduate majoring in health and physical education and continuing in the master's degree program in health and physical education;

WHEREAS, at the 2023 NCAA Division II Swimming and Diving Championships, Ms. Mikesell earned six All-America honors, finishing sixth in the 200-yard individual medley, sixth in the 200 freestyle, fourth in the 100 butterfly, and fifth in the 200 butterfly, in addition to her placement in the 200 and 400 medley relay;

WHEREAS, Ms. Mikesell set two school records at the 2023 NCAA championships and won the 200-yard individual medley at the 2023 Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference championships;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of Trustees of Indiana University of Pennsylvania commends Paige Mikesell for her accomplishments.

The Student Affairs Committee recommends that the resolution of commendation for Paige Mikesell be approved, and I so move.

ATHLETIC RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR KENDALL BRANAN

WHEREAS, IUP men's indoor track student-athlete Kendall Branán was named the 2023 Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Men's Indoor Track Athlete of the Year on March 23;

WHEREAS, Mr. Branán earned All-America recognition for his seventh-place finish in the 800m at the 2023 NCAA Division II Indoor Track and Field Championships in Virginia, becoming the program's first indoor All-American since 2020;

WHEREAS, Mr. Branán was a two-time PSAC Indoor Track Athlete of the Week, recognized on January 30 and February 20, 2023;

WHEREAS, Mr. Branan received All-PSAC honors following his second-place finish in the 800m at the conference championship meet, later advancing to the NCAA Division II finals following runner interference in the 800m preliminaries at the championships;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of Trustees of Indiana University of Pennsylvania commends Kendall Branan of the IUP men's track program for his accomplishments during the 2022-23 winter season.

The Student Affairs Committee recommends that the resolution of commendation for Kendall Branan be approved, and I so move.

ATHLETIC RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR IUP MEN'S BASKETBALL

WHEREAS, the IUP men's basketball program put together an outstanding season by winning the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference tournament and the PSAC West regular-season title while serving as the top seed and host for the 2023 NCAA Division II Atlantic Region tournament;

WHEREAS, the PSAC tournament championship was IUP's fourth straight and its seventh since 2010, and the PSAC West title was its seventh straight and 12th since 2010;

WHEREAS, the Crimson Hawks won 22 consecutive games to begin the season and achieved a No. 1 national ranking in Division II, becoming the first PSAC men's basketball program since the mid-1990s to do so;

WHEREAS, graduate student Shawndale Jones was named to the National Association of Basketball Coaches and Division II Conference Commissioners Association All-America teams and received PSAC West Athlete of the Year and All-PSAC West first-team honors; senior Dave Morris earned NABC All-District second-team and All-PSAC West first-team honors; sophomore Tomiwa Sulaiman earned All-PSAC West first-team recognition; junior Ethan Porterfield was named Most Valuable Player of the PSAC tournament for the second straight season; and head coach Joe Lombardi received Coach of the Year honors in the Atlantic Region and the PSAC West;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of Trustees of Indiana University of Pennsylvania commends the IUP men's basketball program for its accomplishments during the 2022-23 season.

The Student Affairs Committee recommends that the resolution of commendation for IUP men's basketball be approved, and I so move.

ATHLETIC RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR SHAWNDALE JONES

WHEREAS, IUP men's basketball player Shawndale Jones was named to the 2023 National Association of Basketball Coaches' All-America Team, in addition to earning honorable mention All-America honors from the Division II Conference Commissioners Association following his graduate season;

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones led the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference with an average of 19.2 points per game;

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones ranked fifth in scoring at IUP for a single season, with 634 points in 33 games;

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones averaged 3.4 assists, 4.5 rebounds, and 1.8 steals per game, helping IUP men's basketball win its fourth consecutive regular season and conference championships;

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones was a first-team NABC All-District selection, a first-team D2CCA All-Atlantic Region selection, the PSAC West Athlete of the Year, and a participant in the Reese's Division II College All-Star Game;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of Trustees of Indiana University of Pennsylvania commends Shawndale Jones for his accomplishments.

The Student Affairs Committee recommends that the resolution of commendation for Shawndale Jones be approved, and I so move.

This concludes my report.

Maura King, Chair
Student Affairs Committee