

REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
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Lara Luetkehans, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, shared an update on IUP's Academic Program Review and Restructuring, focusing on the July 1 transition to the new academic structure. Provost Luetkehans also walked through next steps in the restructuring and the development of an ongoing program-review process. Dr. Luetkehans provided the committee with an update on efforts toward building the Crimson Core, IUP's general education program redesign, and a preview of the work of a taskforce focused on enhancing student access to experiential learning opportunities. Provost Luetkehans introduced the new roles of several members of the academic leadership team, including Hilliary Creely, interim dean of the College of Health Sciences; Lisa Newell, interim associate dean of the College of Health Sciences; Prashanth Bharadwaj, interim dean of the Eberly College of Business; and Todd Cunningham, acting CIO.

Next, Provost Luetkehans introduced Miko Rose, founding dean of IUP's proposed college of osteopathic medicine, who gave an update on key areas of progress, including fundraising, clinical and residency partnerships, progress toward meeting accreditation requirements, rural/primary-care pathways for future physicians, and development of the proposed college's administrative team. Dr. Rose introduced two new associate deans, Ryan Smith and Luke Mortensen.

Dr. Smith is the associate dean for Clinical Affairs. A board-certified psychiatrist, Dr. Smith has worked in medical education since 2014, serving in faculty, clinical, and administrative positions. He came to IUP from the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine, where he held multiple positions, including chief of psychiatry. Dr. Mortensen is associate dean for Preclinical Affairs. Dr. Mortenson earned his PhD in pharmacology and toxicology. He has spent most of his 28-year career in academic medicine as a faculty member and an administrator, most recently serving as associate dean of Educational Development, Innovation, and Diversity at the Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine.

The last speakers to address the Academic Affairs Committee were Dean Curt Scheib and Dean Steve Hovan. Together, they provided a walk-through of IUP's work toward course, program, and faculty sharing in several key disciplines with partner institutions across Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education. Notably, they described sharing projects in the sciences and foreign languages, two successful exemplars. Dean Scheib provided an overview of a new collaborative project with Cheyney University, East Stroudsburg University, and IUP, funded by NASH, the National Association of Higher Education Systems. Deans Scheib and Hovan also talked about some of the challenges that must be addressed as IUP and PASSHE move toward more program sharing, as well as future opportunities on the horizon with PASSHE partners.

In closing, Provost Luetkehans reported there are no Representative Council or Senate actions for approval. All actions were submitted at the quarterly meeting of the IUP Council of Trustees on May 9, 2024.

This concludes my report.

Mark Holman, Chair
Academic Affairs Committee