

REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES
Indiana University of Pennsylvania
March 6, 2025

Approval of Honorary Degree

The Academic Affairs Committee recommended that the presentation of an honorary doctor of public service degree to Lt. Col. Barry D. Gasdek be approved.

The following motion is recommended for approval:

THAT THE AWARDING OF AN HONORARY DOCTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE DEGREE TO LT. COL. BARRY D. GASDEK AT COMMENCEMENT ON MAY 10, 2025, BE APPROVED. THE AWARDING OF THIS DEGREE HAS THE SUPPORT OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE AND, FOLLOWING ITS MEETING ON MARCH 4, THE APPROVAL OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE, CONTINGENT ON APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES AT ITS MEETING ON APRIL 1.

Approval of IUP-APSCUF Representative Council and University Senate Actions

The Academic Affairs Committee recommends that the following actions, which have the endorsement of the president and the provost, be approved:

- New program approved by the IUP-APSCUF Representative Council at its December 5, 2024, meeting as follows:
 - From the Department of Career and Wellness Education
 - Certificate in Health and Physical Education
- Program revision approved by the IUP-APSCUF Representative Council at its December 5, 2024, meeting as follows:
 - From the Department of Hospitality and Employment Relations
 - Human Resources and Employment Relations, MA

At its December 3, 2024, meeting, the University Senate approved revisions to the following undergraduate and graduate policies:

- Undergraduate Transfer Admissions
- Continuous Graduate Registration for Dissertation and Thesis

The following motion is recommended for approval:

THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA APPROVE THE ACTIONS THAT WERE APPROVED AT THE DECEMBER 2024 MEETINGS OF THE IUP-APSCUF REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL AND UNIVERSITY SENATE AND SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED BY PRESIDENT DRISCOLL.

Provost Lara Luetkehans opened the meeting with the introduction of several new members of the Academic Affairs leadership team. First, Dr. Luetkehans introduced Edel Reilly, who was selected to serve as dean of the College of Education and Human Services. Dr. Reilly brings a wealth of academic leadership experience to the position, including serving as interim dean

since July 2023. Next, Lisa Newell was introduced as interim dean of the College of Health Sciences. Dr. Newell stepped into this role as interim dean Hilliary Creely went on professional development leave. Dr. Newell served most recently as interim associate dean of the College of Health Sciences and will return to that position on July 1, upon the return of Dr. Creely. Next, Kelly Heider was introduced as assistant vice provost for University Libraries and Research Support Services. She comes to the position following a library faculty career that included several faculty leadership positions. Dr. Heider's portfolio includes leadership of the IUP Libraries along with several key support functions in the new Research and Innovation area of Academic Affairs.

Next, Provost Luetkehans provided an update on progress toward IUP's proposed college of osteopathic medicine. Significant progress is being made in meeting accreditation requirements, and all aspects are on track for submission of materials later this month.

Amber Racchini, vice provost for Academic Success and dean of the University College, joined Dr. Luetkehans in providing an update on the development and implementation of the new general education program, the Crimson Core. The program emphasizes competencies in the areas of communication, inquiry and scientific reasoning, values and ethics, civic readiness, global learning, leadership, and career-ready skills that all IUP graduates should possess. Faculty and curriculum committees have been actively engaged in creating, reviewing, and revising courses to populate the new Crimson Core framework.

Finally, Dr. Luetkehans invited Tammy Manko, executive director of the Career and Professional Development Center (CPDC), to provide an overview of the recent Graduate First Destination Outcomes Report. Each year and on a rolling basis, the CPDC gathers graduate first destination data for the most recent class of IUP graduates. This data has been collected consistently beginning with the Class of 2010. Key findings were shared and discussed.

This concludes my report.

Mark Holman, Chair
Academic Affairs Committee