

**MINUTES OF THE  
IUP UNIVERSITY SENATE**

**FEBRUARY 6, 2024**

Chairperson Seal called the February 6, 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.

Agenda items for the February 6, 2024 meeting were **APPROVED**.

**REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**President's Report**

Last Wednesday, the Council of Trustees held a special meeting to consider two items: the naming of a rehearsal space for Dean Emeritus Michael Hood and to accept and approve the latest revisions to the Long Range Facilities Master Plan for the Indiana Campus. The latter specifically dealt with the approval of the goals and themes of the plan. Any individual projects included in the plan's recommendations would require additional project approval at the appropriate time. We will be working to schedule another "discussion with IUP" session later this semester to provide you all with more information about some of the ideas under the goals and themes.

Also last Wednesday we hosted a public reception for Dr. Miko Rose, founding dean for the planned college of osteopathic medicine. We were joined by local and state elected officials, local and regional community, business, and health care leaders, and many others. You may have seen the news coverage: State Senate Majority Leader Joe Pittman announced \$2 million for this fiscal year to support the startup operating costs for new college and, while he couldn't promise anything for future years, indicated that he hoped that support would continue until the college was able to stand on its own.

Earlier today Governor Shapiro gave his 2024-2025 Budget Address to the Pennsylvania Legislature. He included more details about his "Blueprint" for Higher Education, including the following points:

- PA needs more accessible, more affordable higher education that is connected to competitiveness and workforce development.
- Higher education will be a key economic driver, prepare workers, address workforce shortages.
- PASSHE Universities and Pennsylvania Community Colleges will be under a new governance structure - a new system.
- The goals will be increasing access, affordability, transparency, and will invest in outcomes.

- Funding for the new system will increase 15% over current PASSHE and Community College state funding (to \$975M from \$850M).
- 5% increase in support for state-related universities, using a simpler allocation mechanism.
- Funding for higher education would flow through PDE via a performance funding mechanism tied to meeting state objectives.
- Starting in 2025-26, appropriate \$279M additional for two purposes: to subsidize tuition and fees so that students whose family income is less than Pennsylvania median income and who attend the new system (PASSHE universities and the Community Colleges) pay no more than \$1000 in tuition and fees per semester; and to increase maximum PHEAA grants by \$1000. (\$5750->6,750)
- The investments would move Pennsylvania from 49th in the US to 22nd in the US for public funding for higher education in 5 years.

The State System Board of Governors is meeting in Harrisburg this week. Wednesday afternoon will be a series of non-public executive sessions and workshops. The public meeting will be Thursday morning. The board should be considering the approval of this year's proposed capital budget allocations, which include \$17.1M for the new facility in Punxsutawney for the Academy of Culinary Arts and a \$500K for initial design of the space for the proposed College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Enrollment (as of 2/5/24 - NOT freeze date)

- First year cohort fall to spring retention up almost 5ppt from same time last year.
- Total headcount enrollment up about 6% versus same point last year.

## **Provost's Report**

Good afternoon,

I have a few updates for you and information about some opportunities that I want to be sure are on your radar. First, I want to thank you for all of your hard work in the fall to move forward on the Academic Program Review Restructuring. Yesterday, we sent out formal messages to departments regarding the outcomes of the program reviews. Today, the website was updated with some additional information that is more comprehensive in nature, particularly around the restructuring. Tomorrow, an open forum is scheduled for faculty and staff to walk through some of the program review outcomes. I will share for 20 or 30 minutes, but I am hopeful that the majority of the time consists of questions and discussion. There is a session scheduled for students on Monday, February 19. It was scheduled for Tuesday, February 20, but we moved it to Monday, February 19 in order to use the common hour. This will be a very similar presentation as the open forum for faculty and staff.

The Academic Restructuring Implementation Advisory Committee is kicking off their first meeting this Friday, February 9. Thank you to Gian Pagnucci and Lynanne Black for co-chairing this group of about 23 wonderful people. The full charge of this committee can be found on the website. In addition to the committee members, we have a group who will serve as the point of

contact for a contributing area. These individuals will support the committee with specific tasks or issues.

As part of our Title III grant and support from Social Equity, the Center for Teaching Excellence, and the Provost's Office, we committed to a contract with ACUE, a nationally recognized group that provides high-quality programming. Four courses will be offered in the next year or two. The course being offered this spring focuses on fostering a sense of belonging. I'm thrilled to say that within 24 hours, both sections were filled with a nice balance of faculty and staff. There will be additional opportunities for you to participate in this training as more courses will be offered in summer and fall.

I also want to bring your attention to some faculty workshops. Dr. Jill Nelson will be offering two open sessions, both of which are very timely. Two sessions are being offered on February 15. The first one is on faculty well-being and will be offered at 11:00 a.m. The second one is on the stress cycle and living big and will be offered at 2:00 p.m. Then on Friday, February 16, there is a workshop being offered that is the beginning of a series of training opportunities around caring and courageous leaders. I want to thank the Department of Counseling and the College of Education and Communications for making this possible.

The last thing I want to bring to your attention is the FAFSA delay. Tom Segar and his team have prepared a nice briefing that has been shared with the deans, chairs, navigators, and others around campus. I want to mention some highlights to be sure that we understand what is happening. There was a delay in the application being available. Once it was available, students who were able to make initial access experienced delays in making corrections, as the system was overwhelmed. Financial information that would typically be available in November won't be available until March. This has caused concern for students and parents. Student Affairs and Enrollment Management are working to make sure that our students and families have an understanding of the process and the timelines. They are taking a proactive stance in getting communications out to be sure that our students understand where they are in the process.

For Information:

The Provost has accepted the recommendations for curriculum actions endorsed by the IUP-APSCUF Representative Council at their February 8, 2024 meeting as follows:

From the University-Wide Undergraduate Curriculum Committee:

- A. The following program revisions will be forwarded to the Council of Trustees for final approval:
- Computer Science, BA
  - Computer Science/Cybersecurity, BS (includes name change)
  - Computer Science/Language and Systems, BS
  - Computer Science/Software Engineering, BS
  - Career and Technical Teacher Education Certification (name change)
  - Cooperative Education Teacher/Coordinator Certificate (name change)
  - Cybersecurity Minor
  - Early Childhood Education, BSED

- Cooperative Education Teacher/Coordinator Certificate
- Human Development and Family Science, BS
- Mathematics Education, BSED
- Biology/Pre-Med, BS

B. New Courses

- BIOL 460 – Conservation Genetics
- MUSC 250 – Electronic Music Composition
- HDFS 102 – Ethics and Professionalism in Human Development and Family Science
- HDFS 400 – Child Abuse
- PLSC 373 – Democracy and Artificial Intelligence

From the University-Wide Graduate Curriculum Committee:

A. The following program revision will be forwarded to the Council of Trustees for final approval:

- Instructional Design and Learning Technologies, MA

B. New Courses

- ENGL 850 – Professionalization in Composition and Linguistics I
- ENGL 851 – Professionalization in Composition and Linguistics II
- ENGL 852 – Professionalization in Composition and Linguistics III
- BIOL 660 – Conservation Genetics

In response to the Senate recommendations from the December 5, 2023, meeting, I accept the following:

- Undergraduate policy change as follows:
  - Residency Requirement and Transfer Coursework
- Faculty approved for Emeritus Status:
  - Ibrahim Affaneh – Finance and Economics
  - Kim L. Anderson – Accounting and Information Systems
  - Pearl Berman – Psychology
  - Steven Jackson – Political Science
  - Anne Kondo – Madia Department of Chemistry, Biochemistry, Physics and Engineering
  - Jean Nienkamp – English
  - David Piper – Employment Relations and Health Services Administration
  - Janet Walker – Mathematical and Computer Sciences
  - Veronica Watson – English

## **Chairperson's Report**

- Please participate in your Senate committees.

## **Vice Chairperson Election**

- Kaylee Becker-George was nominated and elected as Vice Chairperson.

## **Vice Chairperson's Report**

- GSA does not have a report.
- SGA is hosting the Board of Student Government Presidents Conference later this month.
- Updated lists of student committee members will be sent to committee chairs in the near future.

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

- Phase I and II elections would normally be occurring, but will be delayed to consider the implications of academic restructuring on Senate membership and committees.
- Changing the Senate Constitution is a possibility to address issues associated with academic restructuring.
- The committee will meet on Tuesday, February 13 at 3:45 pm.

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

The committee had no report.

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

All curriculum items need to be to the committee at the start of April to be processed this year.

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

### **FOR INFORMATION:**

Meeting via zoom: Monday, January 29, 2024

Attendance: Chair: Tess O'Neil, Members: Lynn Pike, Rich Muth, Joshua Castle and Thomas Barnes

Our committee has approved a proposal for a Certification/Licensure Articulation Policy. This policy will allow students with certifications and licenses to receive university credits in a streamlined manner.

This policy recommendation is being shared with the Academic Committee for review. Our hope is to jointly present this new policy to Senate for action at our next meeting.

### **Library and Education Service Committee**

The committee is meeting on Tuesday, February 13 at 3:45 pm.

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

The committee is meeting on Tuesday, February 13 at 3:30 pm via Zoom.

### **FOR INFORMATION:**

#### **Meeting Minutes – December 12, 2023**

Members Present: Lorraine Guth, Lisa Sciulli, Todd Vanwieren, Valerie Gunter, Sanda Maicananu, Bethany Jackson

There were 5 USRC small grant travel proposals for review and the decision was made to fund 5, totaling \$8,116.86.

#### **Travel Proposals:**

- Francis Allard
- Christopher Stuart Chandler
- Kristy Chunta
- Taylor Edwards
- Michelle Tweardy

See USRC website for research and travel funding opportunities.

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

The committee is meeting on Tuesday, February 13 at 3:45 pm.

### **FOR INFORMATION:**

#### **Health Services Information:**

In response to questions raised about Health Services at a previous University Senate meeting, Dr. Tom Segar shared the attached “IUP Health Service Fact Sheet” for distribution to the Senate.

#### **Next Meeting:**

The committee will meet on Tuesday, February 13th at 3:45pm via Zoom.

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

The committee is meeting on Tuesday, February 13 at 3:30 pm via Zoom.

**FOR INFORMATION:**

**Indiana University of Pennsylvania  
Proposed Five-Year, Priority Capital Project Spending Plan  
FY2023-24 Submission**

In accordance with Board of Governors Policy 2000-02-A: *Capital Facilities Planning, Programming, and Funding*, please find for your endorsement the Indiana University of Pennsylvania annual submission for Pennsylvania’s State System of Higher Education Capital Project Spending Plan for FY2023-24.

This submission is due to the State System’s Office of the Chancellor by May 1, 2024.

The capital project spending plan is a rolling, five-year plan in which the State System Board of Governors approves funding for the execution of requested projects in the first year of the plan and tentatively approves funding to execute requested projects for the remaining five years, subject to annual updates and reviews.

The annual capital project spending plan approval process includes the following steps:

- Presentation to the President’s Cabinet—January 29, 2024
- Presentation to and approval by the Senate Finance Committee—January 30, 2024
- Presentation to the full University Senate—February 6, 2024
- Presentation to and endorsement by the IUP Council of Trustees—March 7, 2024
- Submission to the State System’s Office of the Chancellor—May 1, 2024
- Review and approval by the State System Board of Governors—October 9, 10, 2024

The following motion will be presented for approval at the public meeting.

**Proposed Five-Year, Priority Capital Project Spending Plan**

The committee reviewed the proposed five-year, priority capital project spending plan as distributed.

The following motion is recommended for approval:

**THAT THE FIVE-YEAR, PRIORITY CAPITAL PROJECT SPENDING PLAN BE APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED FOR SUBMISSION TO PENNSYLVANIA’S STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION ON OR BEFORE MAY 1, 2024.**

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Proposed Five-Year, Priority Capital Project Spending Plan  
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Following is the proposed five-year project funding priority order of commonwealth capital projects for IUP:

**Proposed 2024-25**

Academic Building Replacement (Culinary Building)—Construction, Allocation for Inflation

Academic Building Deferred Maintenance and Capital Renewal (Renovation of Existing Space for College of Medicine)—Design

**Proposed 2025-26**

Academic Building Replacement (Culinary Building)—Original Fixtures and Equipment

**Proposed 2026-27**

Academic Building Deferred Maintenance and Capital Renewal (Renovation of Existing Space for College of Medicine)—Construction

**Proposed 2027-28**

Academic Building Deferred Maintenance and Capital Renewal (Renovation of Existing Space to Allow for Relocation of Academic Programs)

Academic Building Deferred Maintenance and Capital Renewal (Renovation of Existing Space for College of Medicine)—Original Fixtures and Equipment

**Proposed 2028-29**

Multi-building Demolition Project

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Proposal Accepted and Voted on by the Development and Finance Committee



**Academic Committee (Senator Dugan)**

The committee is meeting on Tuesday, February 13 at 3:45 pm.

**FOR ACTION:**

**APPROVED**

**Additional Name for Faculty Emeritus 2023**

This application was submitted on time and with the others but was inadvertently left off the original submission to Senate. It is being submitted now to correct that error.

Candidate	Department
Dr. Patricia Hockensmith	Nursing & Allied Health Professions

**Awards Committee (Senator Paul)**

The committee will be evaluating award candidate materials and choosing winners in the near future.

**University Planning Council (Senator Moore)**

There was no report.

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

There was no report.

**Academic Computing Policy Advisory Committee**

There was no report.

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

There was no report.

**New Business**

There was no new business.

Respectfully submitted by  
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