

**MINUTES OF THE
IUP UNIVERSITY SENATE**

SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

Chairperson Seal called the September 12, 2023 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 September 12, 2023 meeting were **APPROVED**.

Thomas Oraskovich was elected Vice-Chairperson.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

President's Report

President Driscoll was not able to attend today's meeting.

Provost's Report

Welcome to the new academic year!

President Driscoll cannot be with us today and asked that I share some information on his behalf. At the opening day event, you heard that he has established a new set of university goals. They will be sent in a communication sometime next week, but he did ask me to share the seven goals.

1. Keep every student who comes to IUP. (Be an exceptionally student-centered university.)
2. Grow market share in traditional market.
3. Educate other student groups (open new markets).
4. Grow IUP's reputation.
5. Engage the (internal and external) IUP team in realizing the vision.
6. Find alternate revenue streams to support work.
7. Focus resources on the highest priorities to ensure a sustainable, thriving future.

These goals were approved by the Council of Trustees at their September 7, 2023, meeting.

The launch of the new academic year felt great! I'm seeing so much student, faculty, and staff energy. Thank you for this.

The fall freeze date is Monday, September 18 at 3:00 p.m. We are still enrolling students until then. The numbers are looking good. The freshman class is a good size, and our retention numbers are up.

As you know, we have a Liberal Studies Workgroup that has been working toward a revised framework for our general education curriculum. This group has developed four draft models

and is doing an incredible job of soliciting feedback through poster session engagement. There is one more poster session scheduled for tomorrow at 11:10 a.m. in the Blue Room of Sutton. I encourage you to take the opportunity to participate.

Our migration from the iWiki to Curriculog has been a success, as the first four proposals have moved through the approval process to APSCUF Rep Council. One of the key changes with this migration is that the proposals must be approved by December of 2023 in order for the curriculum change to be published in the 2024-2025 undergraduate and graduate catalogs. Proposals may still move through the approval process during the spring 2024 semester, but these curriculum changes will not be published in the 24-25 catalogs.

Chairperson's Report

- Chairperson Seal introduced himself.
- The importance of volunteering and participation of all senators was reinforced.
- A reflective exercise on Pride in IUP was conducted.

Vice Chairperson's Report

- Vice Chairperson Oraskovich introduced himself and reported on SGA activities.

Rules Committee (Senator Decker)

- Welcomed everyone back and thanked Senators Seal and Stocker for serving in Senate leadership roles.
- A special election will be held to fill open positions for the University-Wide Undergraduate Curriculum Committee and University-Wide Graduate Committee. Please consider serving on these important committees.
- The next meeting will be at 3:45 PM on Tuesday, September 19.

University-Wide Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (Senator Sechrist)

- The committee is meeting next week and needs more members.
- If you have any questions about Curriculog then please let Senator Sechrist know.

University Wide Graduate Committee (Senator Moore)

- The committee is meeting on Tuesday, September 19 and needs more members.

Student Affairs Committee

- The committee will meet on Tuesday, September 19 via Zoom.

University Development and Finance Committee

- The committee is scheduling its next meeting and needs more members.

Academic Affairs Committee (Senator Dugan)

- The committee is currently accepting applications for Emeritus status. They are due on Friday, September 25.
- The committee is meeting on Tuesday, September 19 at 3:45 pm. The plus/minus grading system will be part of the agenda.

Awards Committee (Senator Paul)

There was no report.

Noncredit Committee (Senator O'Neill)

- The committee is meeting on Monday, September 18 at 3:45 pm via Zoom.

Library and Education Service Committee

- The committee is meeting on Tuesday, September 19 at 3:45 pm.

Research Committee (Senator Sciulli)

- The committee is meeting on Tuesday, October 10 at 3:30 pm via Zoom.

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Present: Lisa Sciulli, Lorraine Guth, Valerie Gunter, Bethany Jackson

Note: The committee currently has vacancies from NSM, CAH, and University Services

There were 3 USRC small grant proposals for review and the decision was made to fund 3 totaling \$6,000. This month's proposals consisted of 3 travel proposals.

- Henry Wong Doe
- Werner Lippert
- Hao Tang

University Planning Council (Senator Moore)

There was no report.

Presidential Athletic Advisory Council (Senator Castle)

There was no report.

Academic Computing Policy Advisory Committee

The committee is meeting on Wednesday, September 20.

University Budget Advisory Committee (Senator Soni)

The committee is meeting on Thursday, September 21.

New Business

There was no new business.

Respectfully submitted by
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University Senate Secretary