

University Senate Minutes

December 1, 2020

3:30pm – 5:00pm, ZOOM

- Chairperson Piper called the December 1, 2020 meeting of the University Senate to order at 3:30pm
- Minutes from the November 3, 2020 meeting were **APPROVED**
- Minutes from the November 18, 2020 meeting were **APPROVED**
- Agenda items for the December 1, 2020 meeting were **APPROVED**

Reports and Announcements

A. President's Report:

- Thank you for your resilience, grit, and creativity. COVID-19 has and is giving us challenges unlike anything we've seen in our lifetimes. You have done the right things, even when others have not and you should take pride in your accomplishments.
- The pandemic is rearing its head again and we all need to continue to do those right things, even though we are all sick and tired of staying away from others and wearing masks and all that. Please stay the course and keep yourself and all those around you safe and healthy.
- Thanks to the SGA and to the Senate for pushing forward with a special meeting last month to approve a temporary pass/fail grading policy. As is mentioned in the new business section of the agenda, the day after your vote, I approved what the body passed after thoughtful discussion and debate. Thank you.
- I need to give you a quick update on the status of reductions in personnel, particularly faculty retrenchment. We continue to work with APSCUF leadership to find ways to reduce the number of retrenchments. As of today, I have been able to withdraw seven retrenchment letters while still making the expense reductions we must make to balance the budget. Most of the seven withdrawals were possible because of other, unanticipated, faculty departures, with things like retirement. We will continue to look for ways to withdraw additional letters.
- I wish you the best for a successful end of the semester and a restful and healthy winter break. Thank you, take care, and wash your hands.

B. Provost's Report:

- Shout out to the CTE, allies, and other partners who are working on a workshop to help faculty support at-risk students in online courses (ACT101 funding) that will be held Dec 14-18. This is both synchronous and asynchronous in format. I hear that 91 faculty already have signed up, and there may be room for a few more. If there is interest, and you are not yet registered,

please contact Stephani Taylor-Davis stdavis@iup.edu tonight, if possible, or by Noon tomorrow.

- Please be COVID-careful. The most recent information from the borough and township show a very large spike in virus titre in wastewater, which is a pretty reliable indicator of how cases will track over the next week. It's real.
- Thanks to senate, student government, and the AA Committee for their work on P/F grades. The work necessary to make it happen in IT and the Registrar's office is well under way. Please refer to notices from the Registrar's office about the timeline and various roles to make this work for our students.
- Finally, we are working to flesh out our NextGen plans. The President and I have had discussions with the Senate Chair on how to best proceed. More details will be shared relatively soon.

In response to the Senate recommendations from the November 3, 2020 meeting, I accept the following:

From the University-Wide Undergraduate Curriculum Committee:

1. The following courses are approved by me and may be offered immediately:
 - CHEM 450 Industrial Chemistry
 - DANC 210 Dance and Somatics
 - DANC 220 Women and Dance
 - DANC 354 Pedagogy of Ballet I
 - FDNT 363 Experimental Foods Laboratory
 - FDNT 459 Advanced Human Metabolism: Macronutrients
 - FDNT 460 Advanced Human Metabolism: Micronutrients and Water
2. The following course is being deleted:
 - THTR 211 Theatre History and Literature: Classical
3. Program revision(s) from the following department(s) will be forwarded to the Council of Trustees for final approval:
 - Geology, BS
 - Urban Education Certificate
 - Theatre, BA
 - Cyber Security Track, Computer Science, BS
 - Software Engineering Track, Computer Science, BS
 - Computer Science, BA
 - Actuarial Science and Statistics Track, Mathematics, BS
 - Dietetics Track, Nutrition, BS
 - Regional Planning, BS
4. The following new program will be forwarded to the Council of Trustees for approval:
 - Applied Theatre and Performance Certificate

5. The following programs are being placed in moratorium:
- Shale, Gas, and Energy Certificate
 - Nanomanufacturing Track, Physics, BS
 - English-Language Arts Track, Middle Level Education, BSEd
 - Social Studies Track, Middle Level Education, BSEd
 - Pre-law Track, Philosophy, BA

From the University-Wide Graduate Curriculum Committee:

1. The following courses are approved by me and may be offered immediately:
 - COMM 737 Audio Production
 - KHSS 536 Corrective Exercise for the Health and Fitness Practitioner
2. Program revision from the following department will be forwarded to the Council of Trustees for final approval:
 - Master of Business Administration

C. Chair's Report:

- I would like to thank Senator Fefolt and Vice Chair Poley for advocating to modify the pass/fail policy for this semester. I also want to thank the Academic Affairs Committee for moving this policy forward. In addition, I want to thank the Senators for making time to attend the special meeting to vote on this important policy modification. This is an example of shared governance at its best.
- I received a response from the Chancellor regarding the resolution that Senate passed at its meeting on November 3, 2020. The Chancellor denied the request and I will share the Chancellor's email response at our meeting in February. I plan on sending a rebuttal to the Chancellor.

D. Vice Chairperson's Report:

- On behalf of myself and the entirety of SGA, I would like to thank the Academic Affairs Committee and the whole Senate for approving the pass/fail policy.
- I hope everyone has a really good holiday break

Standing Committee Reports

A. Rules Committee (Chair Smith-Sherwood)

FOR INFORMATION:

- Among the Rules Committee's primary functions are the running of elections, maintaining the membership roster, and interpreting the rules and regulations of the University Senate. The Rules Committee remains concerned about the impact of personnel reductions, restructuring, and pandemic planning on the function of the Senate and on shared governance more generally. As such, the Rules Committee is preparing a report of its concerns to present to Chair Piper.

- The Rules Committee will meet next Tuesday, December 8 at 3:30pm via MS teams.

B. University-Wide Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (Chair Sechrist)

- The UWUCC has finished meeting for the semester.

C. University-Wide Graduate Curriculum Committee (Chair Moore)

- No report

D. Academic Affairs Committee (Chair Dugan)**FOR ACTION:****APPROVED****CURRENT****Academic Honors**

IUP recognizes academic achievement through Provost Scholars, Dean's Lists, and graduation honors.

Provost Scholars

Provost Scholars are recognized annually. At the start of the fall semester, any undergraduate student who meets all of the following requirements will be named a Provost Scholar if he or she

- is a candidate for first bachelor's degree,
- is a current junior or senior with a minimum of 45 credits earned at IUP,
- has a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or higher,
- has not received this award previously (recognition is given only once).

Dean's List

Undergraduate students receive recognition on the Dean's List for each semester (or summer session cumulatively) in which they earn at least a 3.25 GPA based on at least 12 credits of graded (not P/F) undergraduate course work, or a combination of graded undergraduate course work and graded graduate course work applying to the baccalaureate degree.

Graduation Honors

Traditional Latin honors are awarded at graduation to first bachelor's degree candidates with appropriate academic records. Calculation is based on all undergraduate credits and quality points earned at IUP. Graduation honors are not granted for second (subsequent) degrees. The distinctions are

Cum laude-3.25 to 3.49 cumulative GPA

Magna cum laude-3.50 to 3.74 cumulative GPA

Summa cum laude-3.75 to 4.00 cumulative GPA

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Academic Honors

IUP recognizes academic achievement through Provost’s Scholars, Dean's Lists, and graduation honors.

Provost’s Scholars

Provost’s Scholars are recognized annually. At the start of the fall semester, all undergraduate students will be named Provost Scholars if they meet all of the following requirements:

- are a candidate for first bachelor's degree,
- are a current junior or senior with a minimum of 45 credits earned at IUP,
- have a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or higher,
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Dean's List

Undergraduate students receive Dean’s List recognition for each semester or the summer session (cumulatively) in which they earn at least a 3.25 GPA based on at least 12 credits of graded (not P/F) undergraduate course work, or a combination of graded undergraduate course work and graded graduate course work applying to the baccalaureate degree.

Graduation Honors

Traditional Latin honors are awarded based on the cumulative GPA of the undergraduate credits for the first bachelor’s degree. Graduation honors are not granted for second (subsequent) degrees. The distinctions are:

Cum laude-3.25 to 3.49 cumulative GPA

Magna cum laude-3.50 to 3.74 cumulative GPA

Summa cum laude-3.75 to 4.00 cumulative GPA

Rationale: Reviewed as a part of the five-year cycle of reviews, the policy is unchanged excepting for slight language clarifications and simplifications.

FOR ACTION:

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The Academic Committee recommends the following esteemed Dean for Dean Emeritus status:

2020-2021 Recommendations for Dean Emeritus	
NAME	Unit/Division
Dr. Randy Martin	School of Graduate Studies & Research

The Academic Committee recommends the following esteemed faculty for Faculty Emeritus status:

2020-2021 Recommendations for Faculty Emeritus	
NAME	Dept
Dr. John Anderson	Sociology
Dr. Elaine Blair	Kinesiology, Health, and Sports Science
Dr. Beatrice Fennimore	Professional Studies in Education
Dr. Rita Johnson	Food and Nutrition
Dr. Becky Knickelbein	Communication Disorders, Special Education & Disability Services
Dr. JaeJu Ko	Chemistry
Dr. Mary Beth Leidman	Communications Media
Dr. Sally McCombie	Human Development, Fashion & Interior Design
Dr. Laurie Nicholson	Professional Studies in Education
Dr. Susan Palmisano	Art & Design
Ms. Jin Pang	IUP Libraries
Dr. Bennet Rafoth	English
Dr. Lilia Savova	English
Dr. Tom Slater	English
Dr. Jonathan Smith	Kinesiology, Health, and Sports Science
Mr. Ronald Trenney	Kinesiology, Health, and Sports Science
Dr. Martha Troxell	Finance & Legal Studies
Dr. Mark Twiest	Professional Studies in Education
Dr. Meghan Twiest	Professional Studies in Education

E. Awards Committee (Chair Paul)

FOR INFORMATION:

- It is time once again to consider nominating a coworker for a University Senate Award. Categories include: Research, Teaching, the Creative Arts, and Service for faculty members and a Staff Service award to recognize a non-faculty colleague's outstanding efforts for the IUP community.
- The nomination form and information about each of the categories can be found on the Senate website:
<https://www.iup.edu/senate/committees/awards/senate-awards-general-criteria-and-supporting-materials/>
- Please consider the outstanding efforts that you see every day on our campus and take the initiative to make a nomination or two. Nominations are due to Chair Paul via email (tpaul@iup.edu) by 5PM on Friday, December 11.

F. Non-credit Committee (Chair O'Neil)

- No report

G. Library and Education Services Committee (Chair Chadwick)

- Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 3:30pm via Zoom

H. Research Committee (Chair Marin)

- Our next meeting will be Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 3:30pm via Zoom

I. Student Affairs Committee (Chair Erwin)

- No report
- Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 3:30pm via Zoom

J. University Development and Finance Committee (Senator Mount)

- No report

Senate Representative Reports

A. University Planning Council (Chair Moore)

- The UPC is in the final stages of preparing for a presentation at Council of Trustees next week for endorsement.

B. President's Athletic Advisory Committee (Chair Castle)

- No Report

C. Academic Computing Policy Advisory Committee (Chair Ford)

- Our next meeting will be Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 3:00pm via Zoom

D. University Budget Advisory Committee (Senator Soni)

- No report.

New Business

- At the November 18 meeting, the Senate passed a temporary policy change that came from the Academic Affairs Committee. Given the time it would take to approve the minutes of that meeting, Dr. Driscoll exercised the authority that is granted in the Constitution to approve this policy as passed by the Senate (with no change), but prior to the official approval of the minutes that occurred at this meeting.

Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 4:01pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Amber N. Racchini