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MINUTES OF THE
IUP UNIVERSITY SENATE

OCTOBER 3, 2023

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Chairperson Seal called the October 3, 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 October 3, 2023 meeting were **APPROVED**.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

President's Report

- A revised website for the Strategic Plan and Goals is coming soon.
- For the first time in 11 years, total IUP head count has increased by 4.78% (415 additional students).
  - There is a total of 9,254 students.
  - New student enrollment is up by 16 percent.
  - Graduate student enrollment is up by 2 percent.
  - International student enrollment is up by 23 percent.
- Chancellor Greenstein is visiting on October 4 from 2:15 to 3:30 pm in Gorell Hall.
- Homecoming week is coming up and includes the following:
  - Women's Soccer v Gannon on Wednesday at 4 pm.
  - The Alumni Association Board is meeting on Friday and there are numerous alumni-focused events.
  - The parade is on Saturday at 10 am.
  - Crimson Huddle at the KCAC starts at 11 am and continues until the start of the football game.
  - Coal Bowl vs. California at 2 pm on Saturday.
  - Field Hockey vs. Bloomsburg at 7 pm on Saturday.
  - Late night game night at Folger on Saturday.
- Indiana Area Collaborative Team (I-ACT) has been meeting as usual to help insure a safe time for all. State police mounted units will be in town and extra police presence in the borough and on campus. There are several activities for students and social media and other campaigns to remind everyone to be safe.

Provost's Report

Good afternoon,

IUP was awarded a Title III grant to support our student success work. Amber Racchini and Paula Stossel are Co-PIs for this $2.1 million grant to be implemented over the course of five years. It is wonderful to see this come to fruition. Congratulations to Amber and Paula.

We are launching a review of our academic program array and academic restructuring. These are parallel initiatives. The program review involves looking at a subset of our programs based on an analysis of several metrics to identify undergraduate and graduate programs with lower enrollments. We are partnering with Institutional Research to prepare a packet to be sent to the programs next week. They are to engage in a self-study, which takes place through November 17, resulting in one of the following recommendations:

- Continue with no action;
- Continue with curricular modification;
- Report ways to share courses or programs within IUP;
- Report ways to share courses across PASSHE;
- Discontinue programs, but keep or develop service mission; or
- Discontinue program.

This recommendation will be completed with engagement with the department chair and the dean. The recommendations will move on to a review within Academic Affairs Council, joined by two APSCUF representatives and the co-chairs of the university-wide curriculum committees. The recommendation will then move forward to President's Cabinet for final decisions.

At the same time, the academic restructuring will take place. Two proposed structures were developed after examining multiple data points.

Next week, there will be two open fora scheduled for folks to engage in this initiative, ask questions, and provide comments. The open fora are scheduled on

Wednesday, October 11 at 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 12 from 11:10 to 12:20 p.m.

A campus-wide communication with the details will be sent by the end of the week. Between October 18 and November 1, there will be an open comment period. By early November, we will have a final academic structure. If you have any questions, I will be happy to answer them.

Question from a faculty member: Coming to campus is not the same. What is the university doing to gauge the on-campus morale.

Answer:

We have been having conversations about this. Part of the morale challenge is that we are trying to keep pace with declining budgets and enrollment. Our previous academic restructuring did not get us where we need to be. This is work that we need to do. Please continue to stay on board and work together with us. The way to move beyond this is to complete the work that needs to be done to ensure a sustainable curriculum and program array.

For Information:

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

From the University-Wide Undergraduate Curriculum Committee:

A. The following program revision will be forwarded to the Council of Trustees for final approval:
   - Geospatial Intelligence Certificate
B. The following program is being placed in moratorium:
   - Asian Studies, BA

In response to the Senate recommendations from the April 25, 2023, meeting, I accept the following:

- Undergraduate policy change as follows:
  o Residency Requirement and Transfer Coursework
- Graduate policy change as follows:
  o Graduate Course Scheduling by Undergraduates

Chairperson's Report

- Please focus on what is good at IUP.
- There are several new faculty and student senators. Thank you for willing to serve in the Senate.
- The Senate has a position to help move the university forward.

Vice Chairperson's Report

- GSA recently had its monthly meeting and will be having its Friendsgiving event on November 15 in the North Dining Hall.
- GSA and SGA will be celebrating student leadership together at the homecoming parade.
- Senate subcommittees are almost full in terms of student members.
- SGA sent a message to all students promoting safety and wellness during homecoming.
- SGA is sponsoring the volleyball game against Slippery Rock on Saturday, October 14.
- The SGA summit is October 3rd and 4th.

Rules Committee (Senator Decker)

- A special election was held for the UWUGCC and UWGCC. The results are partial, but some have been announced.
- The Rules Committee is discussing changing the size of Senate committees.
- The committee is meeting next week.

University-Wide Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (Senator Sechrist)

There was no report.

University-Wide Graduate Committee (Senator Moore)

There was no report.

University Development and Finance Committee

The committee is meeting on Tuesday, October 17 at 3:45 pm via Zoom.

Academic Affairs Committee (Senator Dugan)

The committee is meeting on Tuesday, October 10. We will discuss the possibility of a +/- grading system.

Awards Committee (Senator Paul)

The committee is meeting on Tuesday, October 17 at 4 pm.

Noncredit Committee (Senator O'Neill)

FOR INFORMATION:

Grow with Google Professional Certificates

October 3, 2023

Grow with Google – Google Professional Certificates

The PA State System of Higher Education negotiated an agreement with Google to receive free seats in Grow with Google. These certificates are hosted on the Coursera website. Each university received an allocation of 100 licenses and was asked to prioritize how they would be used.

IUP initially plans to use the Grow with Google Licenses in three ways:

- They will be used as part of an educational support initiative to employees at a local power plant looking to gain new skills in the wake of the plant's closure.

- In collaboration with IUP's Student Government Association, the certificates will be offered and promoted to students as part of the SGA academic initiatives.

- The university will also run a pilot program of having the certificates as value added alongside credit-bearing courses.

The 100 licenses are revolving seats meaning when a person completes the program then another person can be registered for that seat/license.

Richard Muth has detailed information that is especially valuable for faculty wanting to understand more about the curriculum and learning outcomes of each module within each certificate.

Important notes:

- These are certificates and not certifications.

- Certificates are available in cybersecurity, data analytics, digital marketing and e-commerce , IT Support, project management and user experience (UX) design.

- The roll out could not occur until after the official statewide announcement on August 29.

- These free licenses/seats allocated to SSHE universities are only for 2023-2024.

For more information, contact:

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Library and Education Service Committee

The committee is meeting on Tuesday, October 10 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: Lorraine Guth, Lisa Sciulli, Todd Vanwieren

Members Excused: Sanda Maicaneanu, Valerie Gunter, Bethany Jackson

There were 16 USRC small grant proposals for review and the decision was made to fund 10, totaling $19,462.00   This month's proposals consisted of 1 research and 15 travel proposals.

Research Proposal:

- Andrea Palmiotto

Travel Proposals:

- Kimberly Desmond
- Lorraine Guth
- Lei Hao
- Jacqueline McGinty
- Brittany Pollard
- Lisa Sciulli
- Todd Thompson
- Matthew Vetter
- Raquel Winnica

Student Affairs Committee (Senator Benjamin)

The committee is meeting on Tuesday, October 17 at 3:45 pm.

University Planning Council (Senator Moore)

There was no report.

Presidential Athletic Advisory Council (Senator Castle)

The committee is meeting on Monday, October 16 at 11 am.

Academic Computing Policy Advisory Committee

The committee is meeting on Wednesday, October 18 at 3 pm via Zoom.

University Budget Advisory Committee (Senator Soni)

Information about deficit numbers and goals for reduction in faculty and non-faculty were provided. Additional information can be obtained from Senator Soni.

New Business

There was no new business.

Respectfully submitted by
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