

**MINUTES OF THE
IUP UNIVERSITY SENATE**

NOVEMBER 7, 2023

Chairperson Seal called the November 7, 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 November 7, 2023 meeting were **APPROVED**.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

President's Report

President Driscoll was not able to attend the meeting.

Provost's Report

Good afternoon,

Last week, there was a ribbon cutting for Kopchick Hall. It was extremely well attended. Exciting things are ahead for us with this new building. I want to say a special thanks to Dean Hovan who did great work in planning this event.

IRMC Rural Health Conference will be held on Thursday, November 16 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the KCAC. We are still accepting registrations. There are some great topics and I hope that you will make plans to attend.

IUP's kick-off meeting for OneSIS was held recently. Additional meetings will be held over the next few months. I want to thank Chris Kitas and Amanda Marshall for their leadership with this project. Our go live date is fall of 2025.

As you know, we have been engaged in an academic program review and restructuring. These are parallel processes. Programs are currently immersed in a self-study to put forward recommendations about the future of their programs. This review is to result 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.

Two open fora were held to provide an opportunity for everyone to engage in conversations and react to the proposed structures. This was followed by two new proposed structures. We are in the final stages of working through the feedback regarding the new proposed structures. We will post the recommended academic structure tomorrow, along with the rationale. We are looking forward to sharing what we recommend. Cabinet reviewed the new recommended structure yesterday and there will be an opportunity for the Council of Trustees to review it as well.

Question from a member in the audience:

When should we start to submit curriculum changes that need to take place.

Answer from Provost Luetkehans:

We are working on an implementation plan that will occur in the spring semester. You should start to conceptualize the curriculum changes, but there will be guidance on how to use Curriculog to move through the process.

Question from a member in the audience:

Is the restructure that is to be announced tomorrow the final version?

Answer from Provost Luetkehans:

It is the final recommendation, but we anticipate that there may be some final tweaks.

For Information:

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

From the University-Wide Undergraduate Curriculum Committee:

- A. The following new certificate will be forwarded to the Council of Trustees for final approval:
 - Digital Design and Fabrication Certificate

- B. The following program revisions will be forwarded to the Council of Trustees for final approval:
 - Uncrewed Aircraft Systems Science and Applications Certificate (includes a name change)
 - Chinese Certificate
 - French Certificate
 - German Certificate
 - Spanish Certificate
 - Spanish for Safety Sciences Certificate

- C. New Course
 - ART 411 – Digital Fabrication Studio
- D. Deleted Course

- CHEM 401 – Advanced Chemistry Lab

Chairperson’s Report

- Change is difficult, but necessary. Hopefully, IUP will turn the corner soon.
- The new Kopchick Hall is a great addition to IUP.
- October was National Protect Your Hearing Month.

Vice Chairperson’s Report

- SGA and GSA hosted an event to discuss the incident that occurred during homecoming.
- GSA will be having its Friendsgiving event on November 15 in the North Dining Hall.
- SGA is hosting the “Chat with The Deans” event on Thursday, November 9 at 4 pm. Please encourage students to attend.

Rules Committee (Senator Decker)

The committee will meet Tuesday, November 14 at 3:45 pm.

University-Wide Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (Senator Sechrist)

Curriculum proposals intended to be enacted for the 2023-2024 academic year needed to be submitted soon.

University-Wide Graduate Committee (Senator Moore)

The committee will meet Tuesday, November 14 at 3:45 pm.

Academic Committee (Senator Dugan)

The committee is meeting on Tuesday, November 14 at 3:45 pm. Emeritus applications will be discussed.

Awards Committee (Senator Paul)

The committee is meeting on Tuesday, November 14 at 4 pm.

Noncredit Committee (Senator O’Neill)

The committee is meeting on Tuesday, November 14 at 4 pm.

Library and Education Service Committee

The committee is meeting on Tuesday, November 14 at 3:45 pm.

Research Committee (Senator Sciulli)

The committee is meeting on Tuesday, November 14 at 3:30 pm via Zoom.

FOR INFORMATION:

Meeting Minutes – October 10, 2023

Members Present: Lorraine Guth, Lisa Sciulli, Todd Vanwieren, Valerie Gunter

There were 9 USRC small grant proposals for review and the decision was made to fund 7 totaling \$9,804. This month's proposals consisted of 9 travel proposals.

Awarded Proposals:

- Parimal Bhagat
- Yong Colen
- David Ferguson
- Bryna Siegel Finer
- Holly Rougeux
- Ramesh Soni
- Robert Sweeny

See USRC website for research and travel funding opportunities.

Student Affairs Committee (Senator Benjamin)

The committee is meeting on Tuesday, November 14 at 3:45 pm.

FOR INFORMATION:

Meeting – October 17, 2023

Committee Members Present: Mimi Benjamin, Lou Garzarelli, Laura Krulikowski, Jess Baum Mehus, Jeremy Risinger, Tom Segar, Russell Stocker, Leo Yan, Koga Chilume, Regan Colatta-Rigney, Alanah Jones, Summer MacPherson, Ava Moriarity, Lexi Puskar, Kate Weakland, Dimitri Woods.

Student Government Association Remarks

- *Abby Hancox, Student Government Association President*
- In response to the off-campus incident of violence on October 8, SGA, in collaboration with GSA, hosted an information session on October 10. Dr. Segar, Michelle Fryling, and Chief Stringer were in attendance to provide information and answer questions students had about the incident.
- The majority of the student concerns revolved around IUP's response to the incident. After the session, I do believe that the students with such concerns were able walk

away with a better understanding of IUP emergency response protocol, especially with this incident being off campus.

- Students in attendance expressed interest in active shooter trainings for students, faculty, etc. As such, SGA will be looking to host an active shooter training for students in the future.

Graduate Student Assembly Remarks

- *Koga Chilume, Graduate Student Assembly President*
- Echoed the information provided by Abby Hancox. GSA will continue to work to provide future additional resources.

Vice President for Student Affairs' Remarks

- *Dr. Thomas Segar, Vice President for Student Affairs*
- Appreciated students wanting to share their thoughts and feelings regarding the occurrence. Information regarding training from University Police is forthcoming and will focus on keeping the IUP community safe.
- Student Affairs and University Police work hand in hand with other university and community partners to keep the campus community safe.
- The addition of Marketing and Communications with Student Affairs will lead to a great opportunity to enhance the communications sent to the university community.
- Encouraging students to sign-up for Everbridge is an important part of the onboarding process and will continue in the future.

New Business

- A vote was taken to determine preferred meeting method for future meetings. The committee will continue to meet via Zoom.
- Article Discussion - Survey: Barriers to college students' campus engagement (insidehighered.com)

The article identified advertising (students not being aware of opportunities), conflicts with days/times of activities and other commitments (often work) as primary barriers from a national survey. It also highlighted some of the benefits of on-campus work for students and noted that incentives for attendance/participation can be helpful. The article also indicated that students want in-person activities as opposed to virtual, and their primary goal of participation in co-curricular involvement is to meet new people.

- Discussion of barriers to engagement and how they impact our students at IUP.
 - Feeling of connectedness.
 - Lack of available time due to needing to work.
 - Some students may feel connected because of their involvement with athletics or other groups.
 - Some students do not feel the need to engage with others because they have found their group.
- How can we help students select a modest number of things to be involved in?

- Quality vs quantity.
 - 15-20 hours of employment per week is the sweet spot.
 - Need for students to have events where they can bring their friend groups and events where they can meet new friends.
 - Advertisement
 - Word of mouth and social media are the main methods as of now.
 - Employment
 - Considerations being made to reduce the level of clearance required to be employed on campus. However, one student member indicated that having the clearances as part of that process can be helpful for other activities that require them, like internships.
- Student Affairs Organization Review
 - Dr. Segar shared the organizational structure for Student Affairs to provide context for the committee's work.

University Development and Finance Committee (Senator McDaniel)

- Senator McDaniel was elected the new Chair at the October meeting.
 - Thank you to the previous chair.
 - The committee needs additional members. Please consider joining the committee.
 - The committee will meet on Tuesday, November 14 at 3:45 via Zoom.

University Planning Council (Senator Moore)

The committee is currently considering various barriers and issues that were expressed as matters of concern during its fact-finding initiative.

Presidential Athletic Advisory Council (Senator Castle)

There was no report.

Academic Computing Policy Advisory Committee

The committee is meeting on Wednesday, November 8 at 3 pm via Zoom.

University Budget Advisory Committee (Senator Soni)

There was no report.

New Business

- The IUP Steamshop is open Monday thru Friday from 2 to 8 pm in the Robert Shaw building.

Respectfully submitted by
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