

Indiana University of Pennsylvania

INDIANA, PENNSYLVANIA



RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL TO CONVERT TO THE STANDARD BOARD-APPROVED TUITION RATE AND STRUCTURE FOR IN-STATE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

WHEREAS, in December 2014, IUP submitted a pricing flexibility pilot proposal to the Office of the Chancellor that requested a per-credit tuition rate for undergraduate resident students;

WHEREAS, the per-credit tuition pilot, as implemented, assesses undergraduate resident students at a per-credit tuition rate; the tuition charges are calculated based on the number of credits in which the students are enrolled and on the undergraduate resident per-credit rate as approved by the Board of Governors (BOG) and then discounted; and the discount percentages were 7 percent, 4 percent, and 1 percent over three years, with the 1 percent discount continuing thereafter;

WHEREAS, this pilot was approved by the BOG in January 2015, with a revised effective period of fall 2016 through summer 2019, and, in May 2019, IUP provided a pilot report that recommended continuing the pilot;

WHEREAS, since January 2020, IUP has been diligently working to address financial sustainability and is working under a new strategic plan that focuses on student centeredness, which was endorsed by the IUP Council of Trustees in December of 2021, and IUP is in the process of implementing its Strategic Enrollment Plan (SEP), part of which addresses student affordability, including a critical examination of student costs;

WHEREAS, the current pilot per-credit model places IUP's in-state undergraduate tuition rate higher than most other State System schools, and, with rising concerns around student affordability, the negative impact of the per-credit model on students was heavily factored into this recommendation;

WHEREAS, reviewing the pilot per-credit tuition model program and understanding the impact on students and on the university support both of those important initiatives of student centeredness and affordability;

WHEREAS, a subcommittee of IUP's University Budget and Advisory Committee conducted an in-depth analysis of possible tuition structures for IUP, recommending in January 2022 a move to the standard board-approved tuition rate and structure for in-state undergraduate students—a recommendation supported by the president and President's Cabinet—with supporting documentation from this initiative and recommendation attached to this document;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this resolution is approved by action of the IUP Council of Trustees during the special meeting held February 18, 2022—allowing for the discontinuation of the pilot per-credit tuition model and the conversion to the standard board-approved tuition rate with the banded (flat rate) tuition structure for in-state undergraduate students who take between 12 and 18 credits in a semester, including students who attend the regional campus locations—pending approval by the Board of Governors.

Samuel H. Smith, Chair
IUP Council of Trustees