

REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
**COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES**  
Indiana University of Pennsylvania  
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Today, the Academic Affairs Committee has one action item. It presents the following resolution for approval.

**Resolution of Acceptance of the Proposed IUP College of Osteopathic Medicine Mission Statement**

Following for your consideration and approval is a resolution for the acceptance of the mission statement of the proposed IUP College of Osteopathic Medicine.

***Indiana University of Pennsylvania Proposed College of Osteopathic Medicine Mission***

*The mission of Indiana University of Pennsylvania's proposed College of Osteopathic Medicine, recognizing our roots as a public institution, is to increase the number of community physicians throughout rural and underserved Pennsylvania while creating a national model for rural healthcare. We will fulfill this goal by providing an innovative program of osteopathic medical education that is evidence based, inspiring, compassion focused, holistic, community centered, and affordable.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the IUP Council of Trustees accepts the mission statement of the proposed IUP College of Osteopathic Medicine.

The following motion is recommended for approval:

**THAT THE RESOLUTION OF ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSED IUP COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE MISSION STATEMENT BE APPROVED.**

Provost Lara Luetkehans provided updates from the Division of Academic Affairs, including a summary of recommendations for Phase 2 of the Academic Program Array Review and an outline of the new Ongoing Program Review process. She also highlighted 18 faculty promotions: 14 at the rank of professor, 3 at associate professor, and 1 at assistant professor. Congratulations to them all. Their accomplishments are being celebrated in *IUP Now* and at a reception later this evening. She then introduced Lisa Newell, associate dean of the College of Health Sciences; Amber Racchini, dean of the University College and vice provost for Academic Success; Roger Briscoe II, executive director of Student Inclusion; and Jeremy Risinger, assistant director of Academic and Career Success. These campus leaders were involved in several summer experience opportunities for prospective students.

Dr. Newell provided highlights from the HELP Camp, a collaborative, two-day healthcare career exploration program sponsored by IUP, Indiana Regional Medical Center, Westmoreland County Community College, and Armstrong-Indiana Intermediate Unit 28, designed to expose high school students (22) and teachers (14) from Armstrong and Indiana counties to various healthcare career options and educational pathways. Performance evaluations demonstrate exceptional program effectiveness while generating strong interest in future collaborations.

Next, Dr. Briscoe and Mr. Risinger shared an overview of the GEAR UP program, which provided academic enrichment and college-readiness experiences for high school students from across the commonwealth. This program focused on building skills in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math), writing, and general college preparation. The team also shared information about the Summer Honors Program. High-achieving high school students earned dual enrollment credit in a course called "Design, Build, Play." Participants spent time in the classroom, in the IUP STEAMSHOP, and with the GEAR UP group to get an IUP college experience.

Provost Luetkehans and Miko Rose, founding dean of the proposed IUP College of Osteopathic Medicine, provided a brief update on the proposed college's accreditation, fundraising, and program development efforts.

The committee meeting closed with a report from Todd Cunningham, chief information officer; Chris Kitas, executive director of Institutional Research, Student Records, and Assessment; and Jeff Montgomery, director of Enterprise Applications and Project Management, on the migration to OneSIS, the new State System-wide student information system. The project aims to enhance cross-registration and academic sharing across the System, with nine universities on the Shared Technology Platform. IUP went fully live with the new platform in fall 2025.

This concludes my report.

Mark Holman, Chair  
Academic Affairs Committee