

REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
**COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES**  
Indiana University of Pennsylvania  
December 11, 2025

**Approval of IUP-APSCUF Representative Council and University Senate Actions**

The Academic Affairs Committee recommends that the following actions, which have the endorsement of the president and the provost, be approved. Just one is highlighted. For complete information, please refer to the IUP-APSCUF Actions document, available on the website.

New program approved at the November 6, 2025, IUP-APSCUF Representative Council meeting is below.

- From the proposed IUP College of Osteopathic Medicine
  - Doctorate in Osteopathic Medicine

Three program revisions were approved at the November 6, 2025, IUP-APSCUF Representative Council meeting.

At its October 7 and November 4, 2025, meetings, the University Senate approved revisions to four undergraduate policies.

The following motions are recommended for approval:

**THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES APPROVE (1) THE ACTIONS APPROVED AT THE NOVEMBER 6, 2025, MEETING OF THE IUP-APSCUF REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL AND (2) THE POLICIES APPROVED AT THE OCTOBER 7 AND NOVEMBER 4 MEETINGS OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE AND SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED BY PRESIDENT DRISCOLL.**

Provost Lara Luetkehans provided a brief update on the division's continuing efforts on the Academic Program Review and the proposed IUP College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Next, Richard Muth, executive director of Graduate and Special Admissions, provided a report on digital badging, noting that it has experienced steady growth, with 28 approved badge types spanning four categories and 8,108 badges awarded this year. As a form of micro-credentialing, digital badges provide significant benefits to the IUP community and regional stakeholders, and they support the university's strategic goals and objectives.

Lastly, IUP's Research and Innovation leadership provided updates. The provost introduced Hilliary Creely, vice provost for Research and Innovation, who shared positive outcomes from several initiatives, as well as information about current and proposed changes in the federal funding landscape and the impact on IUP. Tracy Eisenhower, executive director of the IUP Research Institute, described several recent grant submissions aligned with IUP's institutional goals. She also shared a year-to-date snapshot of grant applications submitted and awarded and anticipated F&A (facilities and administrative) recovery in comparison to previous years. Kelly Heider, associate vice provost for University Libraries and Research Support Services, described IUP's Undergraduate Summer Opportunities for Applying Research (U-SOAR) program and introduced two student participants, Megan Seaman (Computer Science) and Abby Trimble (Applied Anthropology), who shared information about their research projects and experiences.

This concludes my report.

Mark Holman, Chair  
Academic Affairs Committee