

**REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES**  
Indiana University of Pennsylvania  
May 7, 2026

**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. Because of the large number of actions, only two are highlighted. For complete information, please refer to the IUP-APSCUF Actions document, available on the website.

Sixty-nine program revisions were approved at the February 26, March 26, and April 30, 2026, IUP-APSCUF Representative Council meetings. Baking and Pastry Arts, AAS, was not approved at this time. Its approval is pending the approval of new courses by the University-Wide Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.

Four program moratoriums were approved at the March 26 and April 30, 2026, IUP-APSCUF Representative Council meetings.

Two new programs were approved at the March 26 and April 30, 2026, IUP-APSCUF Representative Council meetings as follows:

- From the Department of Anthropology, Geospatial, and Earth Sciences
  - Earth and Environmental Science Minor
- From the Department of School Psychology, Special Education, and Sociology
  - Crimson Hawk Bridge Certificate

At the April 28, 2026, meeting, the University Senate approved revisions to five undergraduate policies, three graduate policies, and one combined undergraduate and graduate policy.

The following motions are recommended for approval:

**THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES APPROVE (1) THE ACTIONS APPROVED AT THE FEBRUARY 26, MARCH 26, AND APRIL 30, 2026, MEETINGS OF THE IUP-APSCUF REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL AND (2) THE POLICIES APPROVED AT THE APRIL 28, 2026, MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE AND SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED BY PRESIDENT DRISCOLL.**

Provost Lara Luetkehans provided a brief update on initiatives in the Academic Affairs Division and on progress toward searches for the deans of Health Sciences and Arts, Humanities, Media, and Public Affairs. Dr. Luetkehans acknowledged Curt Scheib, dean of the College of Arts, Humanities, Media, and Public Affairs, for his leadership and service to the university. Also recognized were Hilliary Creely and Lisa Newell, who have been serving as the interim leadership team for the College of Health Sciences since the academic restructuring took effect in July 2024.

Next, Todd Thompson was introduced as the next director of the Cook Honors College. The current director, Chauna Craig, is returning to the Department of Language, Literature, and Writing faculty full-time. She was commended for her contributions during her tenure as director of the Cook Honors College. Under her leadership, the core curriculum was redesigned, and new recruitment efforts yielded increases in enrollment.



Next, Dr. Luetkehans shared that the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) program was approved by the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education's Office of the Chancellor. She also shared progress toward the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation pre-accreditation and Middle States Commission on Higher Education approvals, as well as other updates on the proposed college of osteopathic medicine.

The meeting concluded with some highlights of the faculty and staff accomplishments to be recognized this evening at the Faculty and Staff Achievement Awards reception.

This concludes my report.

Mark Holman, Chair  
Academic Affairs Committee

