

REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
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Provost Lara Luetkehans provided an update on initiatives in the Academic Affairs Division and introduced several new members of the Academic Affairs leadership team. She began by introducing Emily Ruth Rutter, dean of the College of Arts, Humanities, Media, and Public Affairs, and Stephen Rossi, dean of the College of Health Sciences. Drs. Rutter and Rossi shared their visions for their respective colleges.

The report also featured two academic program leaders. Provost Luetkehans introduced Lieutenant Colonel Laura Hamilton, professor and chair of Military Science for ROTC at IUP, and highlighted her background and role within the program. The provost also described the work of the Center for Civic Dialogue and introduced its director, Stephan Schaffrath, providing an overview of his professional background.

The meeting then shifted to recent-graduate outcome data. Jeremy Risinger, assistant director of Academic and Career Success in the Career and Professional Development Center (CPDC), presented the recent Graduate First Destination Outcomes Report. He noted that the CPDC has systematically collected outcomes data on IUP graduates since 2010.

Next, Provost Luetkehans updated the committee on IUP's College of Osteopathic Medicine, including its newly expanded academic department structure, recently hired faculty and staff, progress on facilities in McElhaney and Leonard Halls, and student recruitment and enrollment efforts.

The meeting concluded with an overview of a new international partnership with Beijing Foreign Studies University to offer the MBA in Business Analytics in China. The first cohort will start in December 2026, with anticipated enrollment of approximately 75 students.

This concludes my report.

Mark Holman, Chair
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