

REPORT OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES
Indiana University of Pennsylvania
May 5, 2022

Approval of IUP-APSCUF Representative Council 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 a few are highlighted. For complete information, please refer to the IUP-APSCUF Actions document, available on the website.

A total of 35 revisions of programs, tracks, certificates, and minors were approved at the February, March, and April IUP-APSCUF Representative Council meetings.

Six variability of delivery programs and minors were approved.

One program, two minors, and one track were placed in moratorium.

Five new certificates, four new tracks, one new specialization, and one new minor within programs were approved. Additionally, the following new program was approved at the April 21, 2022, IUP APSCUF Representative Council meeting and will be forwarded to the Office of the Chancellor for review and approval.

- From the Department of Anthropology
 - Interdisciplinary Forensic Sciences, Bachelor of Science, with three tracks:
 - Applied Crime Scene Track
 - Laboratory Forensics Track
 - Digital Forensics Track

At its April 26, 2022, meeting, the University Senate heard a presentation on the following undergraduate policy listed in the docket and postponed its approval. The Senate will discuss the policy further at its fall meeting:

- Eligibility and Application for Graduation Policy (Undergraduate)

At the March 1, April 5, and April 26 meetings, the University Senate approved 14 undergraduate policies and two graduate policies.

The following motions are recommended for approval:

THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE IUP-APSCUF REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL ACTIONS WHICH WERE APPROVED AT THE FEBRUARY, MARCH, AND APRIL MEETINGS OF THE IUP-APSCUF REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL AND THE FEBRUARY, MARCH, AND APRIL MEETINGS OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE AND SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED BY PRESIDENT DRISCOLL.

THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INTERDISCIPLINARY FORENSIC SCIENCES (WITH THREE TRACKS) TO MOVE FORWARD TO THE CHANCELLOR OF PENNSYLVANIA'S STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR FINAL APPROVAL.

Dr. Luetkehans provided updates from the Division of Academic Affairs with a focus on experiential learning. Four representatives provided reports on opportunities for IUP students.

Kelsey Thompson, associate director of the Career and Professional Development Center, provided an overview of the Washington Center (TWC), an academic non-profit located in Washington, DC. IUP is proud to be the top sending school in Pennsylvania, and it is one of the **top 10 senders in 2021** among TWC's overall partners.

Hilliary Creely, dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Research (SGSR), and Andrea Palmiotto, new director of the Office of Undergraduate Research and a faculty member in the Anthropology Department, provided a report on the SGSR's engagement with student research. In alignment with IUP's high research activity (R2) designation, the SGSR offers students life-changing opportunities to participate in creative discovery with their faculty mentors at IUP. Examples include the Undergraduate Summer Opportunities for Applying Research (U-SOAR) program.

Sue Rieg, interim dean of the College of Education and Communications, provided a report on the Literacy graduate assistantship partnership, Speech-Language Pathology clinical practicum rotations, and Speech-Language Pathology graduate assistantships that the College of Education and Communications has with the Indiana Area School District. Through this partnership, IUP's graduate students are engaging in valuable instructional opportunities, and school district students are benefiting from additional supports.

Michele Petrucci, associate vice president, International Education and Global Engagement, presented information on study-away programs (Education Abroad and National Student Exchange). Her report included data (pre-pandemic and onward), variety of opportunities (traditional semester/year, short-term/summer, and faculty-led), plus the benefits and challenges for students to engage in these off-campus, immersive experiences.

This concludes my report.

Mark Holman, Chair
Academic Affairs Committee