

Samuel H. Smith, chair of the IUP Council of Trustees, called the meeting to order.

The following council members were present:

Mr. Samuel H. Smith, Chair
Mr. Mark A. Holman, Vice Chair
Mrs. Joyce R. Fairman, Secretary
Mrs. Laurie A. Kuzneski, Treasurer

Mr. A. Tim Cejka
Mrs. Susan S. Delaney
Ms. Maura King
Mr. David Osikowicz
Mrs. Anne White

The following council members were excused:

Mrs. Jennifer E. Baker
Mr. Nathan T. Spade

The following advisory group members were invited to attend

University Senate Awards, which are some of the highest achievements for a faculty or staff member at IUP.

A week ago today, IUP dedicated a statue in the Oak Grove, near the Performing Arts Center, that Dr. Driscoll said he and others are extremely proud of. They have wanted for years to make an iconic spot on campus that people would recognize as distinctly IUP, and they believe this is it. Alumnus Ray Kinter made it possible with his gift, and famed sculptor Raymond Gibby created a majestic statue of a soaring hawk. Photos of it have already turned up on social media, and officials look forward to the statue being a vital stop on any tour of this great university.

Few people know that the idea for the hawk came from Brian Swatt, a former Student Government Association president and student member of the State System Board of Governors. Brian outlined his agenda as SGA president during his first meeting with President Driscoll. It was an ambitious list, and the first item was having a hawk statue in the Oak Grove. Dr. Driscoll said he told Brian he didn't think it could be done, but thanks to Mr. Kinter's generosity, he was proven wrong. As many know, Brian died in a car accident in 2019. This important new symbol of IUP thus has special significance for those who knew Brian.

IUP student-athletes have had an outstanding spring season so far. The women's tennis team trounced Slippery Rock on Saturday in the PSAC championships to win its fourth conference championship in the past five seasons. Against PSAC foes, the women's tennis team is 9-0 this season, with a combined score of 53 to 5. Up next is the NCAA Atlantic Region championships.

Two teams are having breakout seasons that have people excited about what's to come, Dr. Driscoll said. A year after going a combined 8-41, the baseball and lacrosse teams are 35-28 this season.

Speaking of the playoffs, the women's softball team needed to win its final game of the regular season on Saturday to secure a spot in the postseason, and that's what the Crimson Hawks did, beating Pitt-Johnstown 6-1. The team now enters the PSAC playoffs for the first time since 2018.

All in all, IUP athletics followed a strong winter season with an outstanding spring, and members of the university community are proud to be Crimson Hawks, Dr. Driscoll said.

The following motion was approved

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Athletic Resolution of Commendation for IUP Women's Swimming

Ms. King invited the following individuals from the IUP women's swimming team to join her at the podium: Chris Villa, head coach; Adam Stoner, assistant coach; Noah Frederick and Johnny Zarpentine, volunteer assistant coaches; and Paige Mikesell and Claire Mikesell, student-athletes.

A motion is recommended for approval of this resolution for IUP women's swimming, based on the team's accomplishments.

The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, three members of the IUP women's swimming team—Rachel Johnson, Claire Mikesell, and Paige Mikesell—earned All-America honors at the NCAA Division II Swimming and Diving Championships in Greensboro, North Carolina, in March;

WHEREAS, the trio led the Crimson Hawks to a 17th-place finish at the NCAA championship meet, resulting in the first back-to-back top-20 finishes for the program since 2005 and 2006;

WHEREAS, graduate student Rachel Johnson earned two All-America honors, finishing ninth in the 100-yard breaststroke and 15th in the 200-yard breaststroke, and was named the PSAC Champion Scholar for women's swimming with a 4.0 cumulative grade point average;

WHEREAS, graduate student Claire Mikesell earned two All-America honors, finishing fourth in the 200-yard breaststroke and fifth in the 100-yard breaststroke;

WHEREAS, senior Paige Mikesell earned three All-America honors, finishing seventh in the 100-yard butterfly, seventh in the 200-yard butterfly, and 14th in the 200-yard individual medley;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of Trustees of Indiana University of Pennsylvania commends these three members of the IUP women's swimming program for their accomplishments at the 2022 NCAA Championships.

The following motion was approved by the IUP Council of Trustees:

THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR IUP WOMEN'S SWIMMING.

Athletic Resolution of Commendation for IUP Men's Basketball

Then, Ms. King invited the IUP men's basketball team head coach, Joe Lombardi, and student-athletes Ethan Porterfield and David Morris to join her at the podium.

A motion is recommended for approval of this resolution for IUP men's basketball, based on the team's accomplishments.

The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the IUP men's basketball program put together a historic season by advancing to the national semifinals of the NCAA Division II Elite Eight in Evansville, Indiana, winning Atlantic Region, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference tournament, and PSAC West regular season titles along the way;

WHEREAS, the appearances in the national semifinal game and Atlantic Region championship were IUP's third since 2010;

WHEREAS, the PSAC tournament championship was IUP's third straight and its sixth since 2010, and the PSAC West title was the sixth straight and the 11th since 2010;

WHEREAS, the Crimson Hawks tied the program record with 33 victories and spent the last four weeks of the regular season as the second-ranked team in Division II;

WHEREAS, senior Armoni Foster was named to the National Association of Basketball Coaches All-America Team and received PSAC West Athlete of the Year honors; sophomore Ethan Porterfield earned NABC All-Atlantic District honors and was named Most Valuable Player of the NCAA Atlantic Region and PSAC

