

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. Jennifer E. Baker
Mr. A. Tim Cejka

Mrs. Susan S. Delaney

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individuals. The distinction there is that IUP must be united in this effort, and he believes it can be. Student-centeredness is the North Star that will guide IUP to a brighter future, he said.

The future is an often-discussed topic at IUP. Things are challenging now, and they could be even more challenging as IUP progresses, but he believes it is headed for better days.

He emphasized the fact that the incoming class of students this year is large and how that gives him hope. That needle is moving in the right direction. But the retention rate, currently around 70 percent, must be addressed, to make sure students know they are supported and encouraged to stay at IUP before they graduate.

Overall enrollment is projected to come in between 8,800 and 8,900 students, which is a drop from last year. But IUP is facing possibly the most difficult time in decades for recruiting and retaining students. A dwindling Pennsylvania population, particularly in terms of young people, has made things hard enough. But the cost of attending has also proven to be a roadblock, so another reason for the decline is the cost of attending. In-state, undergraduate students by almost 20 percent. It certainly is student centered. Although it will cost IUP revenue in the short-term, the belief is that the long-term payoff will be seen when students see and hear about the value not just of an education, but of an IUP education, and they want to be a part of this world. Some amazing things are done here, and always will be, Dr. Driscoll said.

While IUP is working hard to rein in spending and maximize revenue to improve its financial footing, there was a boost over the summer when the state legislature approved, and Governor Wolfe signed, the fiscal year budget that included a dramatic increase in funding for Pennsylvania public higher education. The 15.7 percent increase from \$477.5 million to \$552.5 million will help all of the students at IUP. Here, the funding, plus the one-time federal funding from COVID itself, will be used to address some of the problems and to do what needs to be done to help students succeed. IUP is still in the planning and organization stage of this, but it is exciting to have such a show of faith by the legislature, the governor, and the people of Pennsylvania, President Driscoll said.

The preparation and will be submitted to the Office of the Chancellor next week. It provides a better picture of the future of IUP. The committee last week and with the council of trustees earlier today. As work continues on the plan, IUP is expected, the president said.

Part of that future revolves around Kopchick Hall, which is under construction on the edge of the Oak Grove. The hope is to start classes there in the fall of 2023. He sa

Faculty, staff, and students will benefit from some recent exciting news, he said. The university learned last week that IUP has been approved for a \$1 million project grant as part of the Regional Challenge from the US Economic Development Administration.

Four IUP projects are part of the grant: the Data Analytics/Computer Science AI Platforms and Resources, the Safety Science AI and Robotic Research, the Geological-Geospatial Intelligence, and, last, the STEAMSHOP, a new research space, Dr. Driscoll said.

This is great news for the researchers and for the rest of the community that benefits from their work.

Student-athletes began coming back in July to prepare for the fall sports season. IUP has high hopes for them, but the standard they set for themselves is always higher, he said.

NEW BUSINESS

REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

REPORT OF THE STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Election of Committee Chair

Maura King was appointed chair of the Student Affairs Committee for the 2022-23 academic year. Ms. King presented the following report:

The Student Affairs Committee met today with Vice President for Student Affairs Tom Segar.

The meeting began with opening remarks about the Student Affairs Division.

An update on the Crimson Scholars Circle (CSC) program was presented by members of the CSC Team, led by Vice President Segar. It began with a review of what the CSC is about and its purpose. Details of CSC students in cohort 1 (2021-22) and cohort 2 (2022-23) included information on the number of student scholars and mentors enrolled and on their activities. The program involved the collaboration of several areas of the university, including Admissions, Marketing and Communications, Student Affairs, University Advancement, and the University College. An analysis of data for cohort 1 indicated higher fall-to-fall retention and spring 2022 grade point averages in comparison to similar students who were not in the program. Lessons learned from cohort 1 were used for planning and implementation of the Early Immersion Week and daily schedules for the CSC students in cohort 2. The presentation ended with student testimonials lauding the program.

Athletics Director Todd Garzarelli provided an update on IUP Athletics for fall 2022.

REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE

Election of Committee Chair

Jennifer Baker was reappointed chair of the University Advancement Committee for the 2022-23 academic year. Mrs. Baker presented the following report:

Vice President Osseiran-Hanna and the director of Strategic Partnerships, Chris Koren, were presenters at a national conference for National Academic Corporate Relations Officers (NACRO) in July.

Goals for the upcoming academic year include increasing corporate and foundation relations and raising the university profile with select key external partners.

The Foundation for IUP awarded more than 2,300 scholarships for the fiscal year, totaling more than \$4.6 million.

ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Election of Committee Chair

Joyce Fairman was reappointed chair of the Enrollment Management Committee for the 2022

WHEREAS, the attached Order of Succession plan, provided by the president of Indiana University of Pennsylvania, lists in rank order the members of Indiana University of Pennsylvania executive management team to act on his behalf in his absence, in the event the president is temporarily unable to fulfill responsibilities of the position, or in the event there is a vacancy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of Trustees of Indiana University of Pennsylvania approves the Order of Succession plan (attached to this resolution) as required by Board of Governors Policy 1983-14-A:

University Order of Succession
2022-23

1. Name: Dr. Lara Luetkehans
Title: Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
2. Name: Dr. Debra Fitzsimons
Title: Vice President for Administration and Finance
3. Name: Dr. Thomas Segar
Title: Vice President for Student Affairs
4. Name: Dr. Patricia McCarthy
Title: Vice President for Enrollment Management
5. Name: Ms. Khatmeh Osseiran-Hanna
Title: Vice President for University Advancement

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

THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE CERTIFYING RESOLUTION—ORDER OF SUCCESSION PLAN AS REQUIRED BY BOARD OF GOVERNORS POLICY 1983-14-A: APPOINTING INTERIM AND ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS.

Approval of President Michael A. Driscoll's 2021-22 Triennial Evaluation Report

The IUP Council of Trustees during executive session.

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

THAT THE 2021-22 TRIENNIAL EVALUATION REPORT FOR PRESIDENT MICHAEL A. DRISCOLL BE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE NEXT MEETING DATE

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

THAT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES BE HELD DECEMBER 8, 2022.

Chair Smith closed by thanking everyone. He commented that there is a lot of information and a lot going on at the surface and behind the scenes. This is a good time to stay focused on our mission.

ADJOURNMENT

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

THAT