REPORT OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES Indiana University of Pennsylvania December 8, 2022

Approval of IUP-APSCUF Representative Council Actions

Provost Luetkehans introduced Sylvia Gaiko, dean of the College of Health and Human Services; Theresa Gropelli, chair of the Department of Nursing and Allied Health Professions; and Lei Hao, Allied Health coordinator in the Department of Nursing and Allied Health Professions. Together, they provided a report, Workforce Need in Healthcare and IUP Solutions. They reported that, currently, the United States and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are facing critical shortages in health-care providers in nursing and allied health professions. These shortages are projected to intensify over the next decade during the same period that health-care needs are increasing due to the aging of the US population. In addition, the number of people with chronic health conditions is expected to grow, adding to the demand for services provided by health-care-related occupations.

They reported that applications to health-related majors at IUP have remained steady over the last decade, with approximately 30 percent of IUP students majoring in STEM+ H (science, technology, engineering, math, and health sciences) programs. The vision in the College of Health and Human Services is to be known as the premier provider of health and human services education, graduating students who are outstanding professionals with a commitment to service. They noted that the college offers degrees in health-care areas relevant to workforce need and prides itself on having established a learning-centered environment in which the curricula bridge theory and practice. To strengthen its educational mission, the college oversees several centers that provide student learning experiences and service to the community. Other IUP colleges also provide educational programs and services that support health-care careers. The presenters concluded that the focus on health care across the campus is a commitment to the continuous improvement of health and wellness across the commonwealth and beyond.

This concludes my report.

Mark Holman, Chair Academic Affairs Committee