

## REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Indiana University of Pennsylvania  
May 4, 2023

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The Academic Affairs Committee recommended the approval of an honorary doctor of science degree to be presented to Bonnie Harbison Anderson.

The following motion is recommended for approval:

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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 d2 reWhe IUP

Provost Lara Luetkehans announced that the Eberly College of Business dean search has resulted in the successful hire of Stephen Ferris. Dr. Ferris will begin his post July 1. She also acknowledged the leadership of Prashanth Bharadwaj, who served as interim dean since January 2022. The remaining open dean searches for the College of Education and Communications and the School of Osteopathic Medicine are still in progress.

Provost Luetkehans then introduced IUP's STEAMSHOP team leads, Dean Hilliary Creely and professors Rick Adkins, Sharon Massey, and Sean Derry. The team shared updates on STEAMSHOP, IUP's interdisciplinary makerspace, highlighting new funding, current activities, and future plans. Their presentation provided insight into the mission, values, and background of the STEAMSHOP initiative, which promotes interdisciplinary, experiential learning through creative design, prototyping, and entrepreneurship. The STEAMSHOP leaders emphasized how makerspaces support student success by providing access, instruction, and community around 21st century technologies, increasing digital literacy, and intentional outreach to individuals who don't typically self-identify as