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IUP Student Co-op reducing Student Activity Fee, moving to all-inclusive activity fee model

As a non-profit partner of IUP, the Student Co-op Association is the steward of the Student Activity Fee and manages the allocation of the fees. We oversee the allocation process to ensure that student and student organization initiatives, goals and activities of the IUP campus are appropriately supported.

We embrace the principles of honesty, fairness and integrity, and we aim to protect the interests of all students and student organizations by ensuring that the decisions we make are in the best interest of all parties involved.

To that end, we have reduced the Student Activity Fee by 17 percent for the 2020-21 school year, from \$42 per credit to \$35 per credit.

In doing so, we have switched to the all-inclusive Student Activity Fee model, meaning all enrolled IUP students will be assessed the Student Activity Fee. This will allow all students to take advantage of enhanced and expanded virtual programming options sponsored by student programming groups, and it will ensure all students have the ability to participate.

About the Student Co-op Association

A significant partner of Indiana University of Pennsylvania since 1933, the Student Co-op continues to support the academic and co-curricular missions of the university by providing the very best programs, services and facilities to the IUP community and enhancing the university experience of IUP students.

The Student Co-op's current mission statement reaffirms such, stating: "The Student Cooperative Association at Indiana University of Pennsylvania is a non-profit organization owned and operated by a community of activity-fee paying members that provides facilities, activities and services to enhance the social, cultural, recreational, and learning experience for the university community."

But like many other campus organizations that receive Activity Funding, the Student Co-op has had to reinvent itself this year. In that spirit, we have developed an enhanced digital engagement model that brings the IUP campus to our IUP community wherever they are located. These programs include but not limited to the following: Group Fitness classes, E-Sports intramurals, Virtual 5Ks, Family Feud Night, Netflix and Chill movie nights, campus newspaper The Penn, Six O'clock Series, Movie Mondays, Wednesday Webinars, Thursday Coffee Breaks, and other virtual programming.

The Student Co-op is also committed to providing physical and financial support for the student organizations that make IUP special, and in 2019-20, the Student Co-op allocated more than \$1.6 million to 110 student groups and organizations, which includes Intercollegiate Athletics, Performing & Visual Arts, The Center for Multicultural Student Leadership and Engagement, club sports, student publications, Other Interests Groups, Departmental Activities and Student Government and Advocacy along with the Punxsutawney Campus. The Student Cooperative Association also provides services to all students through Transportation and Student Legal Services. All of these groups receive activity fee allocations.