

INSTITUTIONAL POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

February 28, 2014

PRESENT: Natalie Taylor, Vice Chair; Erica Bastress-Dukehart; Mary Lou Bates; Eric Beriguete '15; Joerg Bibow; Beau Breslin; Rochelle Calhoun; Michael Casey; Bill Duffy; Timothy Harper; Samuel Harris '15; David Karp; Wendy Kercull; Kathy Kinnin; Jackie Murray; Jeanne Sisson; Joseph Stankovich; Peter von Allmen; Michael West; Joshua C. Woodfork.

ABSENT: Philip A. Glotzbach, Chair; Paul Calhoun.

GUESTS: Addison Bennett '16; Hannah DeGraaf '15; Leo Porter (SGA Policies)

1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the February 14, 2014 meeting were approved.

2. Update from Board of Trustees Retreat

Members of President's Cabinet updated the Committee on the recent Board Retreat. In addition to committee discussions on admissions and financial aid, the Center for Integrated Sciences, Union updates, the Campaign, health and wellness, assessments in Student Affairs, and the Strategic Planning process, the Board also discussed larger issues of assessment, accreditation, and the state of the humanities and social sciences, both nationally and at Skidmore. In addition to the meetings, the Board attended an Alumni Event with Naples-area alumni where President Glotzbach provided a College update and responded to questions.

Mike West reported that the Board approved the major budget parameters for the Operating Budget for FY'2015, the Capital and Campaign budgets, and tenure, promotion, and sabbatical decisions.

3. Hazing Policy Draft

On behalf of the IPPC Student Affairs Subcommittee, Sam Harris presented a draft of a hazing policy. Addison Bennett, Hannah DeGraaf, and Leo Porter, representatives of the SA Subcommittee were present. The IPPC reviewed the draft and discussed suggested revisions to the document. The Subcommittee will continue its work on this draft and will then share it with other groups on campus including the Student Senate, town hall meetings, and Skidmore's legal counsel. Erica Bastress-Dukehart also expressed an interest in sharing it with her Crime & Punishment Class.

4. Smoking Policy

On behalf of the IPPC Student Affairs Subcommittee, Mr. Harris also brought forth the Smoking Policy which is to become effective beginning Fall, 2014. Rochelle Calhoun stated that the College will re-evaluate this policy in Spring 2017 with the intention of going smoke-free in Fall 2017. A few minor revisions were suggested as well as including language stating that electronic cigarettes are currently not prohibited. The map clearly designating where smoking will be and

will not be allowed was requested. The revisions and map will be provided and the SA Subcommittee will move ahead on steps to implement the Policy.

If any additional significant changes, including the banning of e-cigarettes, are made, the Subcommittee will bring the policy back to IPPC.

5. Other Business

Mike West clarified questions on the Union issue relating to the SEIU pension fund that is currently underfunded. The College is in discussions with both Unions regarding this issue.

Sam Harris reported that SGA has been working with consulting firm, Gallagher, to assess student government risk-management issues, and specifically how to avoid risk and address safety concerns. The consultant will release a report soon.

Following these updates, the IPPC meeting was concluded and the Subcommittee on Strategic Planning met for its sixth meeting.

Please notify the President's Office of any changes to these minutes.