

INSTITUTIONAL POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

October 4, 2013

PRESENT: President Philip A. Glotzbach, Chair; Natalie Taylor, Vice Chair; Eric Beriguete '15; Joerg Bibow; Beau Breslin; Rochelle Calhoun; Michael Casey; Bill Duffy; Timothy Harper; Samuel Harris '15; David Karp, Wendy Kercull; Kathy Kinnin; Christine Kopec; Jeanne Sisson; Joseph Stankovich; Peter von Allmen; Michael West, Joshua Woodfork.

ABSENT: Mary Lou Bates; Paul Calhoun; Jackie Murray.

1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the September 20, 2013 meeting were approved.

2. Political Activity

Natalie Taylor reported that she has a conversation with Pat Oles regarding his proposed preface to the Political Activity Policy that was brought to IPPC at its last meeting. Professor Oles feels that the current policy could mitigate students' rights in some way and could feel more restrictive to students' involvement in political issues than it should be. The Committee discussed whether to include this proposed language into the policy.

As a member of the committee who worked on the original policy, David Karp noted that the intent of the committee was to be as broad and flexible as possible to accommodate a number of different situations that may arise. Rochelle Calhoun suggested that the original committee be informed of this proposed change.

IPPC approved (1) inserting this new paragraph after paragraph 1 of the Preface, provisionally; (2) informing members of the Political Activity Group who wrote the policy. If there are no concerns to the addition of the paragraph, the new language will be added to the Political Activity Policy and distributed to the campus community next week.

The provisional revision to the policy, communication to the Political Activity Group, and distribution of the policy to the campus community will be handled by the President's Office.

3. Proposal from Subcommittee on Responsible Citizenship

On behalf of the Subcommittee on Responsible Citizenship (SRC) co-chair Karen Kellogg, David Karp presented a proposal from the SRC to adopt institutional definitions of civic engagement. After a discussion on the purpose of this document, IPPC endorsed this proposal and suggested that the proposal be sent to the Committee on Educational Policy and Planning for its assessment, recommendation, and support and for CEPP's use as it begins work on curricula review. The Curriculum Committee's review of this same proposal would be for the purpose of a course designation as service learning (but not as a requirement) and to eventually incorporate

these definitions into course curricula. If there are any changes or suggestions from these committees, it is requested that the proposal be brought back to IPPC.

3. Strategic Action Agenda 2013-14

The Committee was provided with a revised copy of the document, including the Strategic Action Items. The document will be discussed with a number of groups on campus, including the SGA Senate, and will be shared with the entire campus community soon. It can also be used in coordination with invited speakers as well as community, divisional, and extended cabinet meetings. If so desired, it might also be considered as part of a credit-bearing course on strategic planning.

Committee members provided minor suggested revisions. A key will be added to explain all acronyms.

The Committee endorsed the Strategic Action Agenda 2013-14.

7. Strategic Planning Process

Joshua Woodfork informed the Committee that work has begun on the Strategic Planning website (www.skidmore.edu/planning). He will finalize the process for inviting and submitting comments on the white papers and the most efficient use of technology to compile this feedback. President Glotzbach suggested also utilizing a subgroup of IPPC to assist with analyzing the comments received from these papers. The President's Office will make additional edits to this process document, including reordering the first three paragraphs as 2,3,1 and will release it shortly to both IPPC and the campus community.

8. Other Business

Rochelle Calhoun asked that the Smoke-Free Campus Policy be added to the agenda for the next IPPC meeting.

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