INSTITUTIONAL POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

September 5, 2014

10:30 am

PRESENT: President Philip A. Glotzbach, Chair; Natalie Taylor, Vice Chair; Mary Lou Bates; Addison Bennett'16; Joerg Bibow; Beau Breslin; Paul Calhoun; W. Rochelle Calhoun; Michael Casey; Bill Duffy; Timothy Harper; Samuel Harris '15; Karen Kellogg; William Lewis; Ting Li; Viviana Rangil; Monique Smith; Joseph Stankovich; Michael West; Joshua C. Woodfork.

ABSENT: Wendy Kercull; Kathy Kinnin. Please note that Associate Dean of the Faculty Karen Kellogg, co-chair of the IPPC Subcommittee on Responsible Citizenship (SRC), will be representing the Subcommittee for the year, replacing Associate Dean of Student Affairs/Director of Student Life David R. Karp.

1. ## Welcome and Introductions

President Glotzbach welcomed committee members to the first IPPC meeting of the 2014-15 academic year. He introduced vice chair, Natalie Taylor, and the Committee members then introduced themselves. President Glotzbach spoke of the mission of the Committee and the work that will come before the committee this year, including strategic and policy issues.

2. ## What is the role of this committee?

This is a committee that discusses issues and attempts to reach a collaborative decision on planning and policy matters important to the College. President Glotzbach mentioned that IPPC members should

8,700: approximate number of applications received
731: students in the Class of 2018
      39 students in the London Program arrived on Monday before Convocation, the pre-orientation students arrived on Thursday and the rest of the students arrived on Sunday
689: students on campus (Three students left campus due to a deferral to next year, a withdrawal and a student who went home due to homesickness.)
60% attended public or chartered schools; 40% attended private or parochial schools
60% female; 40%: male
39%: approximate number of students enrolled via Early Decision. The yield in the spring is less than 20% and the Enrollment Management Group and Admissions team plans to review yield this year with a goal of improvement.
22%: number of students who self-identified as students of color when applying
10%: international students
5%: hold dual passports
10%: legacy students (former family ties to the college)

In an assessment of high school transcripts this year there were 66% in the upper band, compared to 63% one year ago and 53% two years ago. Students in the lower band but who are still well qualified to succeed at Skidmore were 35% this year, 38% one year ago and 45% two years ago.

Regarding financial aid, Vice President Bates reported that the amount offered in financial aid was more than in previous years in order to enroll this year's very strong class.

The Collyer Vice President for Advancement Michael T. Casey reported that there was $65 million in gifts and pledges received this past fiscal year, which is the most received in a single year. The six-year campaign goal is in the range of $220-240 million with a goal this year of reaching $100 million. There are currently $31 million in gifts and pledges toward the Center for Integrated Science.

President Glotzbach mentioned the drug and alcohol prevention initiatives on campus as well as the sexual misconduct prevention initiatives. There is a new program on campus for students entitled "The First Six Weeks" to help student acclimate to the college in a positive way.

President Glotzbach also reported that Skidmore recently completed union negotiations for all union employees, however, there are still a few pension issues to finalize.

There was discussion about the new no-smoking policy, which was sent to everyone on campus

President Glotzbach reported that the solar field to the south of campus and the hydroelectric

Professor Bill Lewis requested an assessment of what was accomplished, still on the agenda, and dropped from the current Strategic Plan. President Glotzbach agreed that this would be an important document and will work to produce it.

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