

INSTITUTIONAL POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
February 17, 2017
10:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Cerri A. Banks; Erica Bastress-Dukehart; Mary Lou Bates; Beau Breslin; Paul Calhoun; Michael T. Casey; Bill Duffy; Julia Elstein; Cynthia Evans; Philip A. Glotzbach, Chair; Lisa Hobbs; Mark Hofmann; James Kennelly; Kris Leggiero; Eric Morser; Dorothy Parsons; Levi Rogers; Denise Smith; Joseph Stankovich; Debra Townsend; Michael D. West; and Joshua C. Woodfork.

ABSENT: Tim Harper.

GUESTS: Chris Kaczmarek, Kelley Patton-Ostrander, and Dan Rodecker.

Called to order at 10:35 AM.

In the absence of Tim Harper, Jim Kennelly served as co-chair.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes, February 3, 2017

IPPC **approved** the minutes from the February 3, 2017 meeting.

2. Protection of Minors Policy

IPPC Chair Philip A. Glotzbach introduced Chris Kaczmarek, chair of the Safety Committee, for her presentation of the Protection of Minors Policy. Chris acknowledged the work of the subcommittee that included: Loretta Greenholtz, Tim Munro, Alena Llorens Myers, Michelle Lapo, Wendy Kurcell, and Kim Bombard.

Chris reported that work began approximately 20 months ago, with a survey to assess the level of minors that participate in Skidmore activities both on and off campus. The survey indicated that at a minimum, 7500 minors (defined as under the age of 18) are involved on an annual basis. The Committee believes that this is a minimum number, as the survey data was incomplete.

Based on this exposure, our insurance provider, United Educators, has encouraged the College to create a policy related to their safety. The draft policy includes requirements for training and background checks for all students, faculty, and staff interacting with minors.

After reviewing key points of the policy, Chris answered the following questions:

Q: If a Skidmore athletics team wanted to run a camp with local school kids, would all athletes involved need to have a background check?

A: It would depend on the specific circumstance but if coaches are overseeing the camp and are present at all times, it may be that only the coaches will require the background check.

Q: Does this policy supersede other training or requirements by departments such as childcare?

A: Childcare has specific compliance issues required by the State; however, they will be cross referenced in in this policy. This policy can not supercede those requirements.

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4. Review of Operating Budget

Michael West recognized Dan Rodecker and Kelley Patton-Ostrander who had joined meeting. He indicated that the materials provided to the committee for review were the same as those considered at the prior meeting. Mike reported that since the last IPPC meeting, the IPPC Budget & Finance Subcommittee met and after review, supported the capital budget and key budget parameters, noting there was one dissenting vote from a committee member who did not support the transfer of two million dollars to the Center for Integrated Sciences (CIS).

Operating Budget:

Phil called for further questions or comments regarding the Key Operating Budget Parameters. Hearing none, and upon a motion made and seconded, the **committee unanimously approved the key budget parameters.**

Capital Budget:

Mike noted that the budget represents \$9M of commitments. He explained this number is down from the last two years, in which the College spent \$15 million on capital items. **Upon a motion made and seconded, the IPPC unanimously approved the Capital Budget.**

Phil thanked Mike, Kelley, Dan, and the President's Cabinet for all of their efforts related to the budgets.

5. President's Report

Phil recognized Collyer Vice President for Advancement Michael T. Casey and acknowledged the recent announcement to the campus community of Michael's impending departure from Skidmore to become the Vice President for Advancement at Trinity College in CT. Phil thanked Michael for his many contributions to Skidmore College over the last seventeen years, including the successful fundraising campaigns, work with the Board of Trustees, donors, alumni, contributions to communications and marketing, and senior leadership.

He also reported that Associate Vice President for Advancement & Campaign Director Kimberly "Kim" Verstandig would serve as the Interim Vice President for Advancement, and that a national search would begin soon.

Joshua Woodfork announced the upcoming four-part President's Office *Community Dialogue Series*. There are three events scheduled for next week, including: "The Contours of Free Speech on Campus," featuring *Phi Beta Kappa* Secretary/CEO Fred Lawrence; "Immigration and the Future of DACA," with David Oxtoby, President of Pomona College; and a panel discussion on "Institutional Values and Investment Decisions," also featuring David Oxtoby. He noted that the last event in the series is scheduled for mid-April and that it will include a three-day program with one event featuring a prominent keynote speaker. Joshua is workinla huaw1.8.55 -1.15 Td C
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6. Call for Agenda Items

No additional agenda items were noted. Joshua indicated that he would check in with the leaders of each of IPPC's subcommittees to see if there are forthcoming IPPC agenda items.

7. Other

As no other business was brought forth, the meeting concluded at 11:50 AM.