

**Faculty Meeting Minutes**  
**December 7, 2001**  
\*\*\*Revised\*\*\*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made to approve the November 2, 2001 Faculty Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and passed with all in favor.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Studley began the Faculty Meeting by announcing that Skidmore College received a grant from the

**OLD BUSINESS**

RESOLVED: On behalf of the Curriculum Committee, Pr

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **MOTION**

Motion called by Professor Mehmet Odekon:

**Whereas** the faculty at the November 2001 meeting charged the writing sub-group of academic Staff to produce a strategic planning document that highlights a) the central goal of excellence in liberal arts and sciences education; b) the necessity of a productive faculty of teacher-scholars; and c) a streamlined and better-focused set of bullets and derives from the central goal and that makes clear the college's strategic priorities for the next decade, and

**Whereas** the planning document that the writing subgroup has delivered to the faculty is one that proposes goals and strategies for their attainment that express the faculty's sense of its mission and priorities, and

**Whereas** the faculty wishes these goals and strategies to find their best representation in the drafting of the final planning document,

**Be it resolved** that the present document be conveyed to President Studley and IPC with the endorsement of the faculty, and

that the faculty recommend to its representatives on the IPC to oversee that the fundamental guidelines and principles of the document, and the discussions thereof at the December Faculty Meeting, be incorporated into the final 'strategic plan' to be prepared by the IPC, and that the final draft of the strategic plan be brought to the faculty for further discussion and endorsement.

### **ADDED**

The motion was seconded.

After a discussion among the faculty a friendly amendment was suggested and accepted that changed the wording in paragraph five to read "that the faculty recommend to IPC to oversee that the fundamental principles of the document, and the discussions thereof at the December Faculty Meeting, be incorporated into the final 'strategic plan' to be prepared by the IPC, and"

Professor Alice Dean noted that the draft included a lot of good work and ideas, but that she wanted to be sure that the resolution would not tie IPC's hands in doing its work. She specifically noted that further drafts should reflect the discussion at the meeting of the need for additional financial aid. Professor Joel Smith commented that the writing group draft helps empower faculty and is positive for morale. **REVISED** Joel added that while the faculty will disagree about specific bullets, both the vision and the specific bullets are important and he urged the faculty to pass the resolution as presented. Professor Lary Opitz commented on the broad nature of the document and the importance of seeing faculty members elected to committees as representatives of the faculty. Professor Baum was concerned about the seeming difference between the explanations of the resolution and the wording. **REVISED** Professor Odekon stated that the intent of the motion was to capture faculty sentiment and assure that the draft and discussion received very serious attention.

### **ADDED**

The Chair presented the motion as amended.

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### **REVISED**

The motion was passed with a

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