

INSTITUTIONAL POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
March 24, 2017
10:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Mary Lou Bates; Beau Bresler; Paul Calhoun; Bill Duffy; Julia Elstein; Cynthia Evans; Philip A. Glotzbach, Chair; Tim Harper, Vice Chair; Lisa Hobbs; Mark Hofmann; James Kennelly; Kris Leggiero; Eric Morser; Dorothy Parsons; Levi Rogers; Denise Smith; Joseph Starkovich; Michael D. West and Joshua Woodfork.

ABSENT: Cerri A. Banks; Erica Bastres; Dukehart; Debra Townsend; and Kim Verstandig.

Called to order at 10:30 AM.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

IPPC approved the minutes from the March 2017 meeting.

2. Admissions and Financial Aid Update

Vice President for Admissions and Financial Aid Mary Lou Bates distributed and reviewed the current admissions and financial aid overview report. She noted that decisions were sent out on Wednesday (3/22/17) and Admissions welcomed a second group of high school juniors today. As previously reported, the College received a record number of applications this year of just over 10,000, which is up from just under 9,200 last year. She reported that this year the class size was 714, with 37 students in London. For next year, we are looking at a smaller class size of 658, with 25 in London.

Mary Lou also reported that the College has seen a 32% increase in early decision (ED) applications, which means that 50% of the class will be admitted ED. While this trend is great, it also represents an increase in financial aid requests.

Q: How does financial aid work with ED?

A: Applicants/students are bound to the financial package determined at time of ED offer, if for whatever reason they cannot make this package work, then they are released from ED.

Mary Lou noted that this is the first round of applications under the new

years, 1996 to present. She indicated that before 1996 the College was blind, but with limited resources. During that time, "admit/denies" were students who needed aid but the College could not meet their needs. After 1996, the College became more sensitive to financial aid needs and all accepted students are required to meet the demonstrated need.

Q: When will Admissions have the final number of accepted students?

A: In early May.

We should think about how we follow up with students who leave the College after a semester abroad to see why they left. It may be helpful to poll other students who traveled in the same

CIGU is still considering all of the ways that the space might be used and how the design will need to accommodate various purposes. For example, potential use includes office space to accommodate staff/faculty of a Black Studies department, a Kosher kitchen, Muslim prayer space, etc. Or do we use Wilson chapel for some of these purposes. In addition, they are considering how the Center will work in concert with or in supplement to existing spaces including related Student Affairs offices

Q: In regard to a Black Studies and other potential new programs, is there any consideration for how the Center for Integrated Sciences (CIS) might impact space? For example, will space on campus become available as departments/programs vacate their current space and move into the CIS?

A: Joshua noted that regarding timing, CIGU plans to come back to the IPPC in April with plans for the space and would like to have the center open sometime next semester.

Q: Will there be a bathroom in new space? One goal is to create a space where students feel safe, they shouldn't have to leave that space to find a bathroom.

A: If this space is considered an "assembly space" the College will be required to include a certain number of "fixtures." If restrooms are included, we will seek for them to be gender neutral.

Hearing no further discussion, President Glotzbach called for a motion made and seconded, the IPPC unanimously approved the following motion:

After review of current campus space, CIGU requests that IPPC (on behalf of the College) designate the current space occupied by the division of Marketing and Communications (formerly the student game room and the faculty/staff club) as the Social Justice Center (official name to be determined).

4. President's Report

President Glotzbach reported that he was recently in New York City for the Campaign Executive Committee. The campaign is currently \$183 million and the CIS fundraising at \$38 million. In addition, the College just received an undesignated bequest for \$800,000 that will go toward the CIS. Advancement will be launching the Emerson Challenge, with a video featuring trustees (and science alumni) Josh Boyce and Diana Perry. The Emerson grant and matching grant will total \$500,000 and is aimed at science and nursing graduates.

Phil reported that Storbeck/Pimentel & Associates has been retained for the three active VP/Cabinet searches: Marketing & Communications, Advancement, and Academic Affairs. They are drafting position specification documents and are working with faculty advisor groups to finalize each search committee. The goal is to fill the Advancement and Marketing &

