

INSTITUTIONAL POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
April 5 , 2019

PRESENT: Mary Lou Bates; Marta Brunner; Grace Burton; Sean Campbell (by phone); Lisa Hobbs; Bill Duffy; Greg Gerbi; Philip A. Glotzbach, Chair; Tim Harper, Vice Chair; Katie Hauser; Michelle Hubbs; Carolyn Lundy; Crystal Moore; Martin Mbugua; Jennifer Mueller; Donna Ng; Michael Orr; Levi Rogers; Abdul Shokur '21; Joseph Stankovic; Tweedy; Joshua C. Woodfork.

ABSENT: Cerri A. Banks; Max Fleischman '19

The meeting was called to order 10:33 a.m. by President Glotzbach.

1. Approval of Minutes from March 22, 2019

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted without change.

2. Enrollment Update

Vice President and Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid Mary Lou Bates gave an update on enrollment and the Class of 2023. This year, the College has admitted more students, including more with lower grants, but we are still meeting full demonstrated need. This is our first year with the Slate admissions system, which gives applicants a portal so they can submit documents Skidmore requires and whether they have been received. Students are notified of their decision in their portal. Accepted students then receive an acceptance packet in the mail; waitlist and denied students no longer get a hard copy, which saves postage. Skidmore posted its admissions decisions on Tuesday, March 12th, about a week ahead of most of our peers. Currently the College has enrolled about half of its original target only. We admitted approximately 200 for regular decision versus 2,400 last year. The enrollment goal for September is a total of 711 students, with 675 on campus and 36 in London.

3. Presidential Transition Update

Vice President for Strategic Planning and Diversity Joshua Woodfork thanked all who participated in the open forum held by presidential search consultants Storbach & Associates on April 2nd. He reported that the staff forum was well attended. The search consultants are now looking at better ways to engage with students, and a possible May meeting between the full search committee and campus community. He reminded the committee that the presidential search will

escalation in building costs of C, which has a finite budget and a very tight timeline. He then turned the floor over to VP Ng

VP Ng stated that based on their memo, CSS's top priority is changing SBB from a one-story to a two-story building will cost about \$1 million more. Since the SSB was reduced from 40,000 square feet to 32,000 square feet, the savings of \$500,000 from the reduced square footage will be used for other projects. [Initials of VP Ng]

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example, the SSB were to be used as residence hall swing space, having two floors allows for different uses on each floor

College Librarian Brunner expressed appreciation for the “voice of conscience” from the CSS. She noted that sustainability was deliberately included in the Strategic Action Agenda and Strategic Plan not because it was the path of least resistance, but that it is worth the effort if the College is truly committed to sustainability.

Vice Chair Harper asked if anyone wanted to make the case for this option, but no voices emerged.

Director Rogers addressed student perspectives saying that some students have questioned the College’s commitment to sustainability. His approach is to remind students of the good being done and to be clear that compromise is needed for

