

MINUTES (REVISED 10/05/2007)

President Philip A. Glotzbach called the meeting to order at 10:10am. President Glotzbach asked if there were any amendments to the April 27, 2007 Faculty Meeting minutes. Hearing none, he announced that the minutes were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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- He indicated that the College is working with local law enforcement agencies regarding the recent phone call threat to the College so the appropriate action will be taken. The person who made the call was a 1990s graduate. There was no indication of any imminent danger or cause for alarm. Even so, a safety alert was issued to the College community.
- He made a brief comment about the reported rape on campus that occurred a few weeks ago. The matter is still under investigation by the Saratoga police. This case is very complicated and there are many confidentiality issues involved. Therefore, he cannot report any more details.
- He said we have had a wonderful year academically and in many other ways as well. He thanked the faculty for their hard work this year with students. He noted that the second year of the First-Year Experience had gone very well. It was also a successful year with governance, and he commended faculty

Dean Muriel Poston gave the following report:

She thanked Lisa Aronson for her work as the Acting Director of Latin American Studies and Joanna Zangrando for her work as Acting Department Chair of American Studies.

OLD BUSINESS

CEC Motion – Sue Van Hook – Resolution for Double-Sided Printing. All voted in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Conferral of Degrees

President Glotzbach introduced Ann Henderson, Registrar and Director of Registrar and Institutional Research to read the following resolutions into the record:

RESOLVED, that the faculty of Skidmore College recommend to the Trustees the granting of the Bachelor of Arts degree to 383 students of the Class of 2007 to be awarded on May 19, 2007.

RESOLVED, that the Faculty of Skidmore College recommend to the Trustees the granting of the Bachelor of Science degree to 190 students of the Class of 2007 to be awarded on May 19, 2007.

McMillan pointed out that social integrity violations range broadly, and we would need to consider that in any future policy. Dean of Student Affairs Pat Oles remarked that most of the students with social integrity violations have returned to good standing in the college community and completed whatever sanctions were required of them. The President indicated that the students ~~involved in the embezzlement~~ under discussion will not receive degrees until they have completed any sanction requirements. It was recommended that we should consider implementing a new policy next year and not vote against honors for this particular student.

The President commented that we have a motion on the floor to approve the list and asked if anyone wished to make an amendment. Penny Jolly made a motion to remove the student from the honors list. Various faculty members were concerned about the precedent this would set. The motion did not carry, and the amendment was defeated.

The original motion was voted on and passed, with a few faculty members voting against it.

REPORTS

Dan Moran of SGA gave a brief year end report on SGA this year.

The SGA constitution was reapproved.

SGA also reported that the Integrity Board operating code now includes a review process involving both SGA and the administration.

SGA has committed to a digital advertising program in Case Center and has allotted \$2,000 to purchase plasma screen televisions. The hope is to reduce paper usage on posters and increase the effectiveness of advertising.

The Academic Council took the initiative to institute a student/faculty discussion fund program, which allows students to invite faculty members to lunch, or the movies, or tea, etc., and charge the costs to SGA. These requests will be processed through SGA.

A new position called the VP for Diversity Affairs was created. This structural change will bring SGA attention to diversity issues.

The elections were the most successful that SGA has ever had this year. There were 1200 votes for round 1 and 600 votes for round 2. The new SGA President will be Jon Brestoff, Class of 2008.

President Glotzbach thanked Dan for his outstanding leadership this year.

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