

**INSTITUTIONAL POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
September 28, 2007**

PRESENT: President Philip Glotzbach, Chair; Professor Mark Huibregtse, Vice Chair; Deb Hall, Ann Henderson, Susan Kress, Pat Oles, Muriel Poston, Jeff Segrave, Justin Sipher, Sue Van Hook, Michael West; Mehmet Odekon, Barbara McDonough; Mary Cogan, Sue Bender, Jonathan Brestoff, Adam Cupples; Barbara Krause (Secretary).

ABSENT: Mary Lou Bates and Michael Casey.

1. Review of Minutes

The IPPC reviewed minutes from its meeting of September 14, 2007. SGA President Jon Brestoff clarified that a comment he had made regarding student representation referred to IPPC, not to the Dean of Student Affairs search committee. In addition, he provided dates related to a student activity. With those corrections, the minutes were **approved**.

2. Retiree Health Care

Vice President Mike West reviewed prior discussions related to retiree health care in order to refresh returning members and to bring new members up to speed. Changes to auditing

3. Campus Environment Committee Report

Sue Van Hook, Chair of the Campus Environment Committee (CEC) reported.

Focus the Nation is a national effort intended to engage students and faculty at all levels in an interdisciplinary discussion about global warming solutions. The project will culminate in a national teach-in scheduled for January 31, 2008. Professor Van Hook reviewed numerous Focus the Nation projects taking place at Skidmore. More information on the project can be obtained from the Skidmore web site.

For the second summer, students worked as stewards in the North Woods. While last summer's priority was on trails and maintenance, this summer's priority was on community outreach. A new brochure has been developed and community education programs were presented. Based on feedback from some of those meetings, the CEC is inclined to expand the