

INSTITUTIONAL POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
September 22, 2017
10:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Mary Lou Bates; Cerri A. Banks; Erica Bastress, Dukehart, Grace Burton, Paul Calhoun; Greg Gerbi; Tim Harper; Lisa Hobbs; James Kennelly, Vice Chair; Kris Leggiero; Eric Morser; Levi Rogers; Max Fleischman '19 (for Kira Geary '18); Joseph Stankovich; Kim Verstandig; Michael D. Westand; Joshua Woodfork.

PRESENT BY PHONE: Philip A. Glotzbach, Chair

ABSENT: Beau Breslir and Bill Duffy.

Called to order at 10:00 AM.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

IPPC approved the minutes from the September 8, 2017 meeting.

2. TED Talk: J. [(J. [w 1 Tc aW7 1 Tm ()T0 "Wh>BDC ou TJ 0.002 Tc -0.002 Tw 1.42 0 Td [(v)2 (e)0

3. IPPC Annual Report 2016-2017

Joshua Woodfork, Vice President for Strategic Planning and Institutional Diversity, reminded the committee that this report reflects IPPC business from the last academic year and was prepared by Tim Harper, 2016-2017 IPPC Vice Chair and IPPC Chair President Glotzbach. Joshua indicated that the report is information only, and does not require endorsement by the current IPPC.

Linda Hall, Associate Professor of English, submitted a letter to the IPPC requesting the committee follow up in finalizing the Smoking Policy. Copies of the letter were distributed to all members for their review; however, further discussion was deferred to a future meeting at which time the Smoking Policy will be addressed by the IPPC.

4. Strategic Action Agenda (SAA) 2017-2018

Jim Kennelly, Vice Chair, referenced the SAA and reminded members when they reviewed the draft SAA during their last meeting they had asked Phil to consider edits to the "preamble" section regarding free speech. -Chair of CEPP Erica Bastress-Dukehart offered her appreciation for the quick and thorough

Jim called for an IPPC endorsement of SAA. By motion made and seconded, the IPPC endorsed the SAA by unanimous vote.

5. Center for Integrated Sciences (CIS) Motions

Kelly Sheppard, CIS Faculty Coordinator, joined the committee for this discussion.

Phil reported that the Board of Trustees had a conversation regarding the CIS during their recent phone conference. Trustees reviewed the same CIS documents previously reviewed by the IPPC. They agreed that given constraints on funding, it makes sense to proceed with that portion of the building that is fully funded at this time. During the Board call, Beau Breslin, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty, and Jon Achenbaum, Chair of the Budget and Finance/Infrastructure Committee declared their full endorsement of this plan and the resolutions presented. Phil read the following motions which he reported were unanimously approved during the Board of Trustees conference call:

RESOLVED: That the Joint Infrastructure and Budget & Finance and Infrastructure Committee recommends to the Board of Trustees approval of the overall plan and program for the Center for Integrated Sciences as funding is available.

RESOLVED: That the Joint Infrastructure and Budget & Finance and Infrastructure Committee recommends to the Board of Trustees approval of the Center for Integrated Sciences North Wing in an amount not to exceed \$67.5 million to be funded by gifts, operating funds, and debt.

Phil asked the IPPC to endorse the resolutions, and opened the floor for questions and answers (Q&A).

Q What is the order of the phasing?

A First to complete new construction entirely and then complete renovations of Dana.

Q Is it likely that the funds will come in during the construction of the first phase or very soon after, or is it anticipated that there will be a six-year lapse between phases?

A Accurate forecasting of fundraising is not entirely possible, but the College is working hard to set aside the funds. At this time, it is not anticipated that this will stretch out across four or more years, and it remains our number one institutional priority.

Q Will breaking ground boost fundraising efforts?

A Traditionally the start of construction on a project does not boost fundraising efforts in this case, since we are clearly just beginning the first phase of a very large project, we anticipate that fundraising will not be negatively affected and, in fact, will be enhanced.

Q What is the maximum debt that college is willing to take on and does this impact our credit rating?

A \$35 million is maximum at this moment. The debt should not negatively affect our credit rating at all.

Q How do we ensure the community that this debt won't impact jobs, the GSA, etc.?

A Leadership agreed that none of those items, GSA, financial aid, etc. would be adjusted. The financial plan for CIS does not include adjustments to these operational items. However, it will impact all other capital projects.

