

**Institutional Policy and Planning Committee (IPPC)
Annual Report, 2007-2008**

July 24, 2008

The IPPC met 13 times during the 2007-08 academic year. In addition, the various subcommittees of IPPC met regularly to address their specific agendas and prepare items for consideration by the full committee. As evidenced by the following summary of the committee's work, it was a busy and productive year. For further information about IPPC, including minutes of the committee's meetings and past annual reports, please visit our website at <http://cms.skidmore.edu/IPPC/index.cfm>.

Major Items Addressed in 2007-08

FY 2009 Operating Budget:

Implementation of Optimization: How rapidly should the college attempt to achieve its targeted Net Fiscal Enrollment (NFE) of 2280 on-campus students? An extensive discussion of this issue was held at the 2 November 2007 IPPC meeting. On 15 February 2008, the Budget & Finance Subcommittee recommended that IPPC consider whether the NFE of 2280 could/should be increased by (say) 100 students — in other words, that IPPC should proceed to complete the unfinished “third leg” of the previous enrollment optimization study. This recommendation was discussed at the 29 February IPPC meeting and a task force membership was drafted; however, it was subsequently decided that the President’s Cabinet would further review how best to accomplish this work and would recommend a process to IPPC. It is possible that an initial data-gathering process regarding all aspects of a possible enrollment increase would be an appropriate first step .

Special Programs Study Group (SPSG) Report: On 2 November 2007, Jeff Segrave encouraged IPPC members to review the SPSG report, which had recently been released. A major discussion of this report occurred on 16 December 2007.

UWW Closure Recommendation: This recommendation was discussed at the 21 March 2008 IPPC meeting, and the committee received an update on 4 April 2008.

Reconstitution of the IGUTF: The Intercultural and Global Understanding Task Force (IGUTF) was created with a sunset date of spring 2008, and one of IPPC’s original agenda items for 2007-08 was to consider whether (and, if so, how) the work of that group should be carried forward. On 2 November 2007, it was reported to IPPC that the IGUTF had discussed the possibility of reforming itself as a subcommittee of IPPC analogous to the Campus Environment Committee (CEC). A draft charge for the Committee on Intercultural and Global Understanding (CIGU, a new standing subcommittee of IPPC) was presented and discussed on 4 April 2008. IPPC approved the proposal with the understanding that the membership would be finalized in consultation with the IGUTF. The CIGU will sub-1(ub-2(s)-1h t)bbized in ceeRveed tdatlng t-2(ng)10(-2(1)-2(1)-2(s)-1(

Case Center/Ladd Hall: On 14 September, Pat Oles updated IPPC on new late-night dining options developed in response to recommendations from the Student Affairs Subcommittee in 2006-07, and also reported on the start-up of the Case Center/Ladd Hall Task Force. On 14 December 2007, IPPC discussed and approved a proposal to modify the layout and allocation of space in Case Center (including the addition of an office near the Faculty-Staff Club entrance) in order to address student concerns related to the Intercultural Center.

Construction Projects: Mike West reported on various construction projects, including site work for the Zankel Music Center and summer 2007 renovations and maintenance, on 14 September 2007.

Dean of Student Affairs Search: On 14 September 2007, President Glotzbach reported that formation of a search committee was underway.

Reports on Board of Trustees Meetings: These reports were received on 2 November 2007 and 29 February 2008.

Focus the Nation: Sue Van Hook reported on planning and other activities associated with the Focus the Nation effort on several occasions.

North Woods: Based on feedback from community outreach meetings held during the summer of 2007, the Campus Environment Committee (CEC) recommended that all orange, blue, and red trails be opened to dog walking provided that the dogs would be leashed and that the owners would clean up after them. IPPC approved these policy adjustments on 28 September 2007, along with the recommendation that CEC approach the Science Planning Group about conducting an environmental impact statement.

Campus Closing Policies: Criteria and procedures for closing the campus were discussed on 1 February 2008; this discussion led to the decision to close the campus at 1:00 pm that day.

Student Employee Handbook: This project began in the Student Affairs Subcommittee, in response to the “demands” of the “9:01 Campaign,” a student employee protest group. The resulting handbook was discussed and unanimously approved by IPPC on 18 April 2008.

SGA Reports: IPPC received reports from SGA on several occasions and regarding a diversity of topics including the following: proposed changes to SGA constitution, the Power Shift (student environmental) conference, Integrity Board issues, possible re-programming of Falstaff’s and reconstitution of the Pavilion Corporation’s Board of Directors.

IPPC Vice-Chair for 2008-09:

