INSTITUTIONAL POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
February 3, 2017
10:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Cerri A. Banks; Erica Bastress Stukehart; Mary Lou Bates; Beau Breslin; Paul Calhoun; Michael Casey; Bill Duffy; Julia Elstein; Cynthia Evans; Philip A. Glotzbach, Chair; Tim Harper, Vice Chair; Lisa Hobbs; Mark Hofmann; James Kennelly; Kris Leggiero; Eric Morser; Dorothy Parsons; Levi Rogers; Denise Smith; Joseph Stankovich; Debra Townsend Mike West; and Joshua A. Woodfork.

GUESTS: Karen Kellogg, Kelley Patton-Ostrander

Called to order at 10:35 AM.

Philip A. Glotzbach called the meeting to order and thanked all who made the February 2, 2017 campus Unity Gathering possible.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes, December 9, 2016
IPPC approved the minutes from the December 9, 2016 meeting.

2. Campus Sustainability Plan 2015-2016 Annual Report
Director of Sustainability Karen Kellogg and Campus Sustainability Coordinator Levi Rogers presented the 2015-2016 annual report of the Campus Sustainability Plan 2015-2025. Karen noted that the Sustainability Plan runs for ten years. The Sustainability Office has made a commitment to the community to conduct an annual report and update. Karen indicated that the baseline for most goals is actually the year 2000. Karen reported that Sustainability staff held a community meeting on Tuesday, January 31, 2017, and noted that the need to come together for a separate time is dissipating because of the improved ongoing and frequent communications of sustainability updates across the campus.

Karen and Levi provided IPPC with an update on the status of current goals, future plans to achieve long-term goals as they relate to each of the five focus areas of the plan: Curriculum; Engagement; Operations; Planning, Administration & Finance; and Diversity and Inclusion. Karen noted that sustainability has in that they have core staff, but efforts have been shared across divisi and people, in terms of responsibility. Karen indicated that sustainability staff has worked w representatives in each division, such as faculty, facilities and dining services to develop goals and benchmarks for each focus area of the Sustainability Plan (specific to their respective divisions). In addition, the office has engaged students in sustainability activities. Their staff reaches out to other offices to encourage collaboration and to provide direction on sustainabil efforts.

Phil suggested that Governor Cuomo's recent proposal regarding "free college education" and his stand on price control might cause private colleges trouble. He plans to speak to our New York State Representatives regarding the consequences of this proposed legislation.

He concluded by noting that even during this time of chaos, Skidmore remains strong. It is our duty to do what we can to keep Skidmore the kind of place where students want to be, and we must stay positive.

6. Call for Agenda Items

Joshua called for future agenda items and the following were noted:

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