

# INSTITUTIONAL POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

## MEETING MINUTES

April 29, 2016

10:30 a.m.

**PRESENT:** Mary Lou Bates; Addison Bennett '16; Beau Breslin; Paul Calhoun; Gail Cummings-Danson; Philip A. Glotzbach, Chair; Tim Harper, Vice Chair; James Kennelly; Kathy Kinnin; Kris Leggiero; Ela Lepkowska-White; Eric Morser; Levi Rogers; Kelly Sheppard; Denise Smith; Joseph Stankovich; Charles Tetelman '16; Peter von Allmen; Mike West; Joshua C. Woodfork.

**ABSENT:** Michael Casey; Bill Duffy; Debra Townsend.

### 1. Approval of Committee Minutes

IPPC **approved** the Minutes from the April 15, 2016.

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**creditatiprocess is now complee. Beau provided Middle States Evaluation Team to Skidmore College at Glotzbach's letter to Dr. Elizabeth H. Sibolski, in Higher Education in which the President comments on the two recommendations noted in the agreement with the process taken by the Middle States Commission, which were presumed settled during the meeting of the Evaluation Team and President of Skidmore College to the Middle States Commission on July 2016,**

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President Glotzbach reported that the Board of Trustees' Trusteeship Committee had a conversation on whether or not the College should ever consider rescinding an honorary degree. President Glotzbach also had a conversation with the Committee on Appointments, Promotions, and Tenure (CAPT) on this issue. Following these conversations, the Trusteeship Committee has recommended to the Board of Trustees that Skidmore should not be in the business of rescinding honorary degrees. This recommendation will be included in the Trusteeship Committee's manual that guides its policies, and it will be noted that the policy can be revisited

in the event that there is ever a very compelling case in the future that the College feels a particular need to rescind such an honor. There is no need for an amendment to the College's Bylaws.

#### **4. Admissions Update**

Vice President and Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid Mary Lou Bates provided an update on Admissions numbers to date. Mary Lou reported that the deadline is May 1, and the goal is to receive 346 deposits from regular decision candidates. As of this morning, acceptances are currently at 75% of goal (compared to 67% at this time last year), and she estimates that we will probably meet and exceed our goal. A majority of the responses are now received online.

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