

INSTITUTIONAL POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
March 5, 2021

PRESENT: Mary Lou Bates, Joerg Bibow, Vice Chair; Rachael Borthwick '21; Marta Brunner; Marc C. Conner, Chair; Michelle Hubbs; Carolyn Lundy; Martin Mbugua; Donna Ng; Michael Orr; Feryaz Ocak; Joe Porter; Levi Rogers; Mark Rye; Casey Schofield; Smemo; Joseph Stankovich; Dwane Sterlin

campus groups, helping to connect the process with constituency input and interests, and contributing their own expertise and perspective on campus needs and priorities. Thinking broadly across all campus needs and perspectives will be of great help in this work. The partnership on this important project, and in particular helping to foster the collaboration and communication that will be central to this project, will be of particular value. The work will be inclusive of all constituencies, and data-driven, with a commitment to preserving the culture of the College while preparing Skidmore for its aspirational future.

Members of ASG then joined IPPC for a presentation regarding their process to engage with the Skidmore Community in creating the next campus master plan. ASG is a 170-person, internationally recognized architecture and planning firm focused on higher education. The firm has worked with more than 200 colleges and universities around the world including Swarthmore College and Colby College. ASG provided an overview of their flexible approach in working collaboratively with all constituents to create a welcoming campus that enhances the student experience, while taking into account our value propositions, our strategic initiatives, our diverse set of learners and changing demographics—all with an emphasis on sustainability, and economic and social stewardship. ASG is looking forward to engaging in a robust process with Skidmore to build and create a vision for the entire campus that is enforced and supported by the campus community. ASG will provide a set of priority projects overlaid with capital spending budgets. The master plan developed will lay out a flexible vision for campus development that will guide the campus over the next five, ten, and even twenty years.

An IPPC member inquired about the approach in determining whether a building is renovated or demolished. ASG member Kevin Peterson responded that as part of the assessment phase of planning the condition of our facilities and how well these facilities are supporting our academic programs will be examined. The goal is to try and preserve and leverage as much of our existing assets as possible, and use existing infrastructure as we work and overlay sustainability with construction. An IPPC member stated that some college constituents have engaged in specific building master planning exercises in the past and asked if ASG would find this type of information useful. Peterson replied that they often find value in examining and building on past planning and then determining with the community if the material still resonates and is relevant. President Conner added that this would apply to current projects that are in various phases of planning such as the Athletic Facilities and the Jonsson Tower residential life projects. He thanked ASG for their time and stated that we are looking forward to engaging with the ASG team as we embark on this ambitious and important work.

3. Sustainable Construction and Renovation Policy

President Conner welcomed representatives of the Campus Sustainability Subcommittee (CSS), an IPPC subcommittee. CSS was asked in November 2019 to develop a building policy related to sustainability that would provide the College with guidelines and minimum building standards to consider when designing major building projects on campus. CSS brought forth for discussion a draft of the Sustainable Construction and Renovation Policy which was recently reviewed by the President's Cabinet.

CSS Chair Levi Rogers outlined the key features of the policy that was developed with the unanimous support of all CSS members and a Building Policy Working Group. To develop ideas

that both of these projects were designed with sustainability in mind. He cited the future use of a geothermal heating and cooling systems for these projects. President Conner remarked that the Athletic Facilities Project would be part of the campus master planning discussions. FEC Chair Schofield asked that the future roll out of the Athletic Facilities Project be collaborative, thoughtful, and sensitive to sustainability issues.

As the Sustainable Construction and Renovation Policy came to IPPC as a motion from CSS, it did not require a second. **IPPC unanimously voted to support the Sustainable Construction and Renovation Policy at Skidmore College.** President Conner thanked CSS for their work and noted his appreciation of

