

**INSTITUTIONAL POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 26, 2010**

PRESENT: Professor Adrienne Zuerner, Vice Chair; Erica Bastress-Dukehart, Mary Lou Bates, Rochelle Calhoun, Winston Grady-Willis, Ann Henderson, Susan Kress, Kim Marsella, Muriel Poston, Jeff Segrave, Michael West, Mary Cogan, Susan Bender, Raina Bretan, James Welsh, and Hugh Foley. Guest: Erica Fuller (present for Campus Environment Committee Report).

He noted the importance of adopting an approach that can be followed consistently going forward.

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very early in the morning or very late at night and often require significant travel; the full team also cannot practice together at the same time, and our program, which is very strong, cannot host tournaments without indoor courts.

Another member asked about safety concerns at the stables that had been raised by the Athletic Council in the spring of 2008, suggesting that such safety concerns should have a higher priority than the challenges facing the tennis program. Dean Calhoun indicated that she would review the situation with respect to the stables and report back to IPPC.

*Scribner Village Replacement:* A small group of Trustees has been identified to work with the administration in developing plans for the Scribner Village Replacement. The group, including Dean Calhoun and Vice President West, has met once; Dean Calhoun will report back later in April.

## **5. Information Resources Council**

Vice President Susan Kress reminded IPPC that discussions have been underway to consider the possible elimination of the Information Resources Council (IRC). She distributed a document summarizing those discussions and identifying several questions that would need to be addressed if IRC were to be dissolved. That document is attached to these minutes as Appendix A.

Vice President Kress invited IPPC's thoughts on the future of IRC. Comments included the following:

- The improvement of IT support in recent years may have eliminated the need or desire of many individuals to attend IRC meetings.
- The elimination of the Library Committee several years ago was met with some of the same concerns being expressed about IRC – but the Library has functioned very well without the committee.
- As things stand now, major policy issues must be considered either by IPPC or the Committee on Educational Policies and Planning. Eliminating IRC would not affect that decision-making structure.
- It would be important to retain a space for faculty leadership on pedagogical issues. That could be done through Academic Technology (workshops, an annual forum, etc.).

Following this discussion, IPPC expressed its support for the proposed elimination of IRC.

## **6. Zankel Rental Policy**

and Music Department programs. Otherwise, the policy sets forth tiered rates for non-profits and for-profits; it also provides for exceptions based on special circumstances. Special Programs is still considering whether the College might offer a first-time waiver of fees as a way to share this wonderful new resource with the community and in recognition of significant support received from the State of New York.

*Minutes prepared by Barbara Krause; please notify her of any changes.*

