

they need to be provided space. However, the current policy is to try to accommodate faculty on sabbatical with space if they need it.

Also suggested was a change to the title to reflect this policy impacts “office space,” and to address the needs of the Special Programs’ space usage during the Summer.

4. Smoking Policy Implementation Update

Cerri Banks, Dean of Students and Vice President for Student Affairs, reported that this group has met twice to brainstorm the issues that will need to be addressed in implementing this policy. Representatives from Glens Falls Hospital Living Tobacco-Free initiative have attended a meeting and have offered financial and other resources to assist with the rollout. To further assist with communicating the rollout, a liaison from the communications department has been invited to attend future meetings. Cerri noted that the some have inquired about our summer programs and how they will be affected by the policy.

SGA representative Nicki Werner reported that students are very hesitant about the student enforcement, as they don’t think that they or their peers would enforce this policy.

Cerri agreed that people will break the rules, but that there will be mechanisms in place to assist in reporting violations. She offered that as a community if we make this commitment, we will find ways to make it enforceable. Part of the communications plan will target the Saratoga community and all guests, so that anyone who comes on campus will be aware of this policy.

5. Community Check-In Debrief

Joshua Woodfork, Vice President for Strategic Planning and Institutional Diversity, provided an update on the Thursday, April 5th Community Check-In gathering. First, he reported that on Wednesday, April 4th, members of the College community partnered with MLK Saratoga’s silent march and vigil to mark the 50th anniversary of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King’s assassination. A group met at the Skidmore North Broadway entrance and marched to the City Center to gather with community members to further march down Broadway to the Visitors Center. A short program of prayer, fellowship, and music ensued. Skidmore was represented with students, staff, faculty, and retirees participating.

The Community Check-In was held in response to feedback regarding the KKK fliers that were recently distributed downtown, and was attended by approximately 40 participants (students,

accepted students from historically underrepresented communities to campus. This year's participation in the Discovery Tour marked the largest group to date.

Michael D. West, Vice President for Finance and Administration, provided an update on the Center for Integrated Sciences (CIS) Phase I North Wing, reporting that they are close to selecting a firm and signing a contract. The College has received three qualified and competitive bids, and we are working to analyze fully these bids and negotiate the contract for services. Until the contract is signed and final, this process needs to be confidential. The College is most pleased with the bids received, recognizing the recent Executive Orders signed by President Trump with significant new import taxes and restrictions on steel, aluminum and goods received from China, and U. S. labor shortages, particularly in the skilled trades in the construction industry. The best bid for the project is within the budget for the project. We remain on schedule for the start of the project in May.

Phil reported that with the announcement of Mike's retirement at the end of the Summer, a search consultant has been hired to assist the search committee in finding his successor, and that Phil is working on confirming members of the search committee.

7. Other Business

None.

8. Call for Agenda Items

Joshua reminded the Committee that there are only two meetings remaining during this academic year, and asked that members let him know if there are any future agenda items that are not currently listed which members hope to cover.

Items noted for future meetings include:

- x Campaign Update [April 27]
- x Protection of Minors Policy Update [April 27]
- x Assessment Subcommittee Update [April 27]
- x IPPC Operating Code Updates [May 4]
- x Admissions and Financial Aid Update [May 4]
- x Budget Update [May 4]
- x COACHE Collaborators Recommendations on Usage of Mass Email Lists
- x Policies on campus speakers

The meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

Please inform the President's Office of any changes to these minutes.