

**INSTITUTIONAL POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
December 6, 2019**

**PRESENT:** Mary Lou Bates; Joerg Bibow; Grace Burton, Vice Chair; Sean Campbell; Abby

Second, VP Woodfork shared an update from the Presidential search co-chairs and reminded members of the IPPC that all updates are posted [Presidential Search website](#). Assistant Professor &

- Academic-related programs will continue to report to the division of Academic Affairs;
- Operations and conference functions will be transferred to a new office called 'Conferences and Events' within the division of Finance and Administration;
- Summer housing for Skidmore students will be managed by Student Affairs.

Discussion of discontinuing a few programs with current deficits occurred. VP Ng explained a shift in the usage of the Surrey-Williamson Inn with a focus on serving and supporting the Skidmore community first and then generating revenue to support the College's mission. She detailed reservation and charge policies. VP Ng noted the potential favorable budget impact from these recommendations.

Committee members inquired about the discontinuing of the Dean of Special Programs position, asked when departments would be notified about the Surrey-Williamson Inn changes, and inquired about rental space for potential events at the Surrey-Williamson Inn.

### **5. Greenberg Child Care Center Follow Up**

President Glotzbach reminded IPPC that the current athletic facilities plan that was reviewed by IPPC this fall and approved by the Board of Trustees in October leaves the Greenberg Child Care Center at its current location during the construction process and thereafter. Concerns were raised about athletics facilities construction disruption to Greenberg, including potential loss of outdoor play space and construction noise. The question was asked if we could find an alternative space for Greenberg. It was suggested that we consider moving Greenberg to the current Special Programs space at the end of North Broadway. President Glotzbach noted that this option has not been thoroughly explored, but the current (rough) cost estimate for this move would be approximately \$1 million, which has not been budgeted. He did note, however, that perhaps this space could be considered in the future.

A suggestion was also made that perhaps a second floor could be constructed in the new tennis facility and utilized for Greenberg. It was noted that this space has been earmarked for athletics and that we do not at this time have the budget for a second floor. Other suggestions included moving the new athletics building to the site of the proposed ice hockey rink; President Glotzbach noted, however, that such a move would be prohibitively expensive and that the distance of the fitness, etc. facilities from the current athletics building would complicate the use of the new facility. President Glotzbach reminded committee members that a primary driver of this version of the athletics facilities plan is a \$7 million gift exclusively for tennis. He further noted that the Greenberg Child Care Center cannot drive the planning for the athletic facilities.

### **6. Athletic Facilities Open Forum Debrief**

During the November 1<sup>st</sup> IPPC meeting, the administration shared that an open forum regarding athletic facilities plans and brief updates on other campus construction projects would be held later in the month. The open forum occurred November 25, and also that evening a meeting was held with College neighbors to update them on the plans. At the open forum, attendees raised concerns about opportunities for input on the plans, cost, sustainability features/impacts, and possible disruption to the Greenberg Child Care Center.

IPPC debriefed the open forum. SGA VP for Financial Affairs Abby Ciccarone '22 voiced concerns that there has not been sufficient student input