

**INSTITUTIONAL POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
February 2, 2007**

PRESENT: Professor Mark Huibregtse, Vice Chair; Susan Kress, Michael West, Michael

priorities held by the Cabinet in early January. An IPPC member asked if there would be another round of cuts from the new initiatives. Mr. West indicated that this could depend on what budget decisions are made by the Board of Trustees e.g., if the Trustees approved a lower tuition increase, that might impact the new initiatives.

In response to a question about confidentiality, Mr. West indicated that while IPPC members may discuss the budget parameters in general terms, all other information must be kept confidential at this point. Mr. West noted that coordinating the timing of budget

3. Update from Student Affairs Subcommittee.

SGA President Dan Moran circulated the report and recommendations on Case Center programming. 70% of respondents wanted to keep Burgess Café open, with limited hours of operation at the Spa. As a result of these responses, the following suggestions were made:

- Aggressively market the dining hall using meal vouchers, specials, and events to draw off-campus juniors and seniors to the Dining Hall.
- Offer a minimum meal plan for students living in Northwoods, Scribner, and off-campus housing.
- Continue to offer dinner for \$8.00.

Dean of Student Affairs Pat Oles reported that the SAS is continuing to work on the issue of Case Center programming:

- Bob Jones is working on compiling a history of Case Center.
- A questionnaire will be sent to all occupants of Case Center regarding their intended use of the building in the future.
- Addressing the challenge of making Case Center a place for all to use.

4. Admissions Update.

Mary Lou Bates reported that January 15 is the deadline for the regular decision application round. A new record will be set, with application numbers up 800 over the figure from two years ago. While early decision application numbers were down from last year, the total was still the second highest ever received. Based on current applications (all of these figures are subject to change):

- 57% of applicants will apply for financial aid.
- 393 are international students.
- Median SAT scores are up 10 points to 1270.

81% of applications were filed on-line.

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The IPPC Subcommittee on Admissions and Financial Aid is looking at standardized testing scores to see if they correlate to student performance at Skidmore.

5. Membership of IPPC.

The IPPC agreed that the Chief Technology Officer and Campus Environment Committee Representative should be approved as full members of the Committee. This change also must be approved by FEC and SGA.

Minutes prepared by Barbara Krause, Secretary. Please notify of any changes.