

RPC Minutes  
March 10, 2006

Members Present

Faculty

Ex Officio

Martin Gunderson (Chair)  
Duchess Harris  
James Heyman  
Andrew Latham  
Marjorie Merryman  
Vasant Sukhatme

Dan Balik  
David Wheaton

Students

Staff

Joe Reich  
Sandra Robson

Barbara Solberg  
Ron Joslin  
Brian Lindeman

Committee Guest: Tommy Bonner

The minutes of the February 10, 2006 meetings were approved.

Martin Gunderson gave a brief report on the activities of the Faculty Professional Activities Committee (FPAC). FPAC had met earlier in the week to consider Wallace and Keck Applications.

Tommy Bonner gave a presentation on the capital campaign priorities and then answered questions in a spirited discussion. He stated that the campaign goal was to raise \$175 million over five years. The campaign hopes to get \$35 million in commitments before the May Board of Trustees' meeting so that the trustees will approve the capital campaign goals. The present goals seek \$70 million for building projects (the Health and Wellness Center and the Fine Arts Center), 80\$ million in endowment to cover faculty chairs, need based scholarships, the Institute for Global Citizenship, research opportunities for-student collaboration, curricular initiatives, and study away programming. Finally, the campaign is seeking \$25 million to cover increased annual fund support and current funds for special initiatives such as new programs and curricular initiatives.

The discussion that followed noted ways in which the campaign goals fit with RPC concerns and recommendations. It was noted, for example, that the campaign seeks an endowment for study away and that the funds used for faculty chairs will help the college to attain a 10-1 student faculty ratio.

RPC then unanimously adopted a resolution endorsing in principle the goals of the capital campaign as presented by Tommy Bonner.

The committee also decided to announce its resolution at the Department Chairs meeting and to discuss the resolution at divisional meetings. The committee decided to see how various faculty groups react to the campaign goals before asking the faculty for a resolution supporting the campaign goals.

The recommendations for study away and international students were briefly discussed. Several changes to the wording of the amendments were made, but no vote was taken.

Respectfully submitted,

Martin Gunderson