

Institutional Planning Committee Report to the College Council, May 16, 2013

Since my last report to the College Council, the Institutional Planning Committee (IPC) has met three times. At its meeting on April 5, the IPC approved a revised proposal by the Department of Education to create a Master's Program in Teaching of English to Speakers of Other Languages. The IPC also approved a proposal by the Department of Political Science, Economics, and Philosophy (PEP) to divide into three departments: a Department of Philosophy; a Department of Political Science and Global Affairs (both of which will remain within the Division of Humanities and Social Sciences); and a Department of Economics, which will be incorporated into the School of Business.

At the April 19 meeting, the IPC approved a proposal by the School of Business to restructure its departments. The School will be comprised of four departments: a Department of Financing and Accounting, Department of Marketing, Department of Management, and a Department of Economics. It is important to note that the IPC heavily scrutinized the PEP and Business proposals and in some cases requested multiple revisions, and I am pleased to note that all faculty from these departments voted unanimously in favor of the proposals, which I now intend to forward to the Board of Trustees for its June meeting.

At its meeting on May 3, the report by the IPC Subcommittee concerning the creation of schools, chaired by John Verzani, was distributed. Because both the IPC and Bylaw Committee are currently addressing issues identified in the report related to the creation of schools and academic departments, it was recommended that a joint meeting with the IPC and the Bylaw Committee be convened so that both bodies can confer on their respective processes as we move ahead. This meeting is scheduled to take place tomorrow, and members of IPC Subcommittee have also been invited to attend.

All parties agree that the Governance Plan will have to be modified in light of the school and departmental restructuring. However, at the risk of living under some ambiguity for a short period of time, we are also in agreement that this process should not be unnecessarily rushed and the Bylaw Committee should be afforded reasonable time to work on the revisions to the Governance Plan before ultimately presenting them to the College Council.