

October 7, 2008

Board of Trustees' Meeting

The Board of Trustees and its various Committees met last Friday and Saturday on campus. This memorandum summarizes the most significant matters to come before it.

- 1) The Board approved a resolution authorizing an update of the Campus Plan be completed by the architectural firm, Shepley Bulfinch Richardson and Abbott, the firm that authored the original Campus Plan in 2000;
- 2) The Board heard an update on the College investment portfolio by Vice President David Clay and Investment Committee Chair, Henry Cornell;
- 3) Paula Smith, Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College, presented those nominees for the Bachelor of Arts degrees from Grinnell College at mid-year, which the Board approved, contingent on the successful completion of all degree requirements; she also reported on her goals for the work of the Office of the Dean for this year;
- 4) The College's auditing firm, Deloitte & Touche, offered a clean and unqualified opinion with respect to the College's financial audit for FY2008;
- 5) Board members watched the Vice-Presidential debate in an Open Forum discussion with students on Thursday evening in South Lounge;
- 6) The Board heard a report from Mark Schneider, Faculty Chair, who recapped for the Board some major events from the Fall semester, including the revamped and improved class registration procedure for new students, the annual Second-Year retreat, and new faculty appointments with respect to the Expanding Knowledge Initiative;
- 7) The Board heard reports from the SGA officers Neo Morake, Julie Hoye and John Burrows, who discussed various aspects of student life, including the effective communication of the vast array of campus events and activities, student wellness activities and programs, and other issues;
- 8) Seth Allen, Dean of Admission and Financial Aid, provided a summary of the profile of the first year entering class;
- 9) Sam Perlman, President of the College's Alumni Council, reported on the latest work of the council;
- 10) The Trustees attended the events related to the Noyce Science Center Dedication on Friday evening and Saturday.

Russell K. Osgood, President
David White, Chair, Board of Trustees