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The tenth meeting of the Committee of Six for the academic year 2013-2014 was called to order by President Martin in the President's office at 3:30 P.M. on Monday, November 18, 2013. Present were Professors Corrales, Kingston, Harms, Lyle McGeoch, Miller, and Schneider, Dean Call, and Assistant Dean Tobin, Recorder. Provost Uvin was absent.

The members discussed whether to have a Faculty Meeting on December 3. Dean Call explained that the Strategic Planning Steering Committee feels that it is important for the chairs of the four core committees (The Committee on the Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning, chaired by Professor Bishop; The Committee on the Integration of Curricular and Co-Curricular Learning, chaired by Professor Frank; The Committee on Diversity and Community, chaired by Professor Cobham-Sander; and The Committee on Internationalization of Liberal Arts Education, chaired by Professor Basu) to report briefly to the Faculty at this early stage, and that there be an opportunity to discuss the strategic-planning process going forward. Reviewing the draft Faculty Meeting Agenda, the Committee discussed whether there was sufficient business to warrant a meeting, given that there were no items on the agenda that would require a vote of the Faculty. After further discussion, including consideration of whether to include the proposal to change the name of the Department of Physics to the Department of Physics and Astronomy on the agenda (it was decided that doing so would be premature), the members agreed to honor the wishes of the steering committee that there be a conversation with the Faculty about strategic planning as soon as possible. The Dean informed the members that Professor Frank has requested that Ali Rohde '16, Jayson Paul '16, and Sarah Barr, Director of Academic Engagement Programs for the Center for Community Engagement, who are serving on her committee, be invited to the Faculty Meeting on December 3, if it is decided that there will be one. The Committee agreed that an invitation should be extended to these members of the community. The members then voted six in favor and zero opposed to forward the agenda for a December 3 Faculty Meeting to the Faculty. The members decided that the proposal from the physics department should be brought before the Faculty early in the spring, once additional information has been solicited and provided.

Under "Announcements from the President," President Martin noted that a number of media outlets have reported that two Amherst students have filed complaints with the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights, alleging that the College mishandled the students' complaints of sexual assault several years ago and allowed hostile sexual environments, in violation of Title IX. President Martin said that she has not received any notification that such complaints have been filed or that an investigation is under way, though it is entirely possible that she could receive notification in the future. The President commented on the improvements that the College has made in the prior year to the process for addressing

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incidents of sexual assault and misconduct and answered the Committee's questions about the ramifications of a federal investigation, in the event that one should occur. The remainder of the meeting was spent on personnel matters.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory S. Call
Dean of the Faculty