

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY  
ACADEMIC SENATE  
PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

January 10, 2011

Present: R. Brown; V. Dallas; D. Kessel; R. MacArthur; C. Parrish; L. Romano;  
A. Vlasopolos; W. Volz; A. Wisniewski; S. Wolfson; J. Woodyard

Guests: Stephen Calkins, Associate Vice President for Academic Personnel; John Davis, Vice President for Finance and Facilities Management and Treasurer; Richard Nork, Vice President for Finance and Business Operations and Treasurer

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of January 10, 2011.

1. Selection of University-wide Committees: Prior to the regular meeting, the Policy Committee met without the Provost to select the persons it would like to serve on the Academic Staff Professional Development Committee and the Social Sciences subcommittee of the University Research Grant Award Committee.

[Provost Brown, Mr. Davis, and Mr. Nork joined the meeting.]

2. Meeting with the Chief Financial Officer: Mr. Davis, who is retiring, introduced Richard Nork, the new Vice President for Finance and Business Operations and Treasurer. Policy Committee members talked about the need for improvement in services. Mr. Nork recognizes that his division's customers are the students, faculty, and staff. He wants to evaluate the areas that need attention to ensure that the policies are fair and up-to-date. He said that policies must be fair, must be communicated to everyone, and must be accepted by the stakeholders. There was discussion of the need for additional training for business officers in the colleges and departments. Mr. Volz invited Mr. Nork to attend the Senate Budget Committee's meetings, as Mr. Davis has done over the past several years, and he accepted the invitation.

[Mr. Calkins joined the meeting during the Committee's conversation with Mr. Nork and Mr. Davis. Mr. Davis and Mr. Nork left the meeting.]

3. Report from the Chair:
  - a. Provost Brown announced that a program called Live Midtown would be unveiled later in the week. The program provides incentives to Wayne State, Henry Ford Health System, and Detroit Medical Center employees to purchase homes or rent apartments in the area. The Kresge Foundation and the three institutions contributed money to the program. The total amount in the program is \$1.2 million with WSU contributing \$200,000. It is the Provost's understanding that the Board of Governors approved the expenditure. A Policy Committee member expressed concern that the issue apparently was not brought to the Board of Governors Budget and Finance Committee for approval.
  - b. The recommendation to appoint the new Dean of Education has been submitted to the Board of Governors for approval.

- c. Progress continues in the search for the Dean of the College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts.
- d. The President and the Provost are working on revising policies and procedures.
- e. The retention report is nearing completion. There are some editorial revisions that have to be made. The report will be given to the Academic Senate and the Council of Deans.
- f. The Provost updated the Policy Committee on the search for a Chief of Staff for his office and for an enrollment manager.
- g. Provost Brown is forming a dysfunctional rules committee, which is also known as the task force for streamlining processes. He asked the Policy Committee for nominations for the committee.
- h. The Provost is forming an admissions committee to review the requirements for admission.

\*4. Selection of the Members of the Article XXX Committees: Provost Brown and the Policy Committee jointly selected the members of the committees formed according to Article XXX of the Agreement between the University and the AAUP-AFT: the Faculty Tenure and Promotion Committee, the Academic Staff Tenure and Promotion Committee, the Sabbatical Leaves Committee, the Excellence in Teaching Awards Committee, the General Education Oversight Committee, the Educational Development Grant Committee, the Academic Staff Professional Development Committee, and the University Research Grant Committee.

[Mr. Calkins and Mr. MacArthur left the meeting.]

- 5. Classified Research Policy: At its meeting of November 20, 2010, the Policy Committee reviewed the drafted recommendation to revise the statute that covers classified research and recommended that a committee be established to review and make recommendations on requests for waivers. The Vice President for Research asked that the Senate's Research Committee review the proposed revisions to the statute. Mr. Wolfson has forwarded it to the Committee.
- 6. Centers and Institutes Advisory Committee: Vice President for Research Ratner has agreed that the Centers and Institutes Advisory Committee – II needs to be reconstituted. CIAC-II reviews applications for charters for new centers and institutes and the applications to renew the charters of centers and institutes that are multi-disciplinary and mainly engage in research.
- \*7. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Proceedings of the Policy Committee meeting of December 20, 2010, were approved as submitted.
- 8. Presidential Search: Policy Committee will write to Governor Paul Massaron, who chairs the search committee for a new President, to suggest that the search be suspended and that Interim President Allan Gilmour be asked to continue as President.
- 9. Consultants for the Office for Teaching and Learning: The Provost's Office is bringing consultants to campus to meet with various constituencies about the Office

for Teaching and Learning. Policy Committee was invited to meet with them; a meeting was scheduled for January 28.

10. Distribution of University Graduate Fellowships: When the Policy Committee met with Dean of the Graduate School Mark Wardell in the fall, Provost Brown had said that graduate fellowships would be awarded based on the number of doctoral degrees awarded. The distribution for the academic year 2011-2012 does not reflect that number. Provost Brown said that he would discuss the issue with Dean Wardell.
11. Meeting with the President's Cabinet: Policy Committee developed a list of issues it would like to discuss with the President's Cabinet at their meeting of January 27, 2010.
12. Fall Enrollment Report: Policy Committee received the Fall Enrollment Report 2010. A member of the Policy Committee would like the report to include Wayne State's market share of the students who enter college for the first time from the tri-county area and from the City of Detroit.
13. Committee Minutes: Policy Committee received the minutes of the Student Affairs Committee meetings of October 13, 2010, and November 10, 2010.
14. Dysfunctional Rules Committee: In response to the request from Provost Brown, Policy Committee nominated ten members of the faculty and academic staff to serve on the Dysfunctional Rules Committee.

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Approved as submitted at the Policy Committee meeting of January 24, 2011