

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC SENATE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

January 11, 2010

Present: N. Barrett; C. Parrish; L. Romano; M. Sengstock; H. Tse; A. Vlasopolos;  
W. Volz; A. Wisniewski; S. Wolfson; J. Woodyard

Absent with notice: J. Whittum-Hudson

Guest: M. Coco, Graduate Employees ♦ Organizing Committee

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of January 11, 2010.

1. Report from the Chair: Provost Barrett said that enrollment for the winter 2010 term was up over last year. The final census, which is two weeks away, may vary slightly. The Provost was asked how the enrollment might affect the budget, which led to a discussion about the state appropriation for FY 2011 and tuition rates.

[Mr. Parrish and Mr. Mark Coco joined the meeting. Mr. Coco, representing the GEOC, attended the meeting as an observer during the discussion about the proposed Code of Ethics.]

2. Code of Ethics: Policy Committee had a general discussion about the drafted Code of Ethics. Mr. Coco attended this portion of the meeting because graduate assistants are employees of the University and the proposed code would apply to them.

Mr. Parrish explained the correspondence that has occurred between the AAUP-AFT and the University administration about the proposed Code. The AAUP-AFT maintains that the proposed Code of Ethics affects terms of employment and, therefore, is an issue for collective bargaining. It was not clear from the correspondence if the administration would bargain the issue so Mr. Parrish has written another letter to the administration asking for a clear answer whether it will bargain the issue.

Mr. Wolfson had sent the proposed draft to all the faculty and academic staff in the University. He has received many comments. In addition, he asked Mr. McIntyre, a member of the Law School faculty, to comment. Mr. McIntyre ♦s comments were distributed to the Policy Committee. Mr. Wolfson will send the comments to the Board of Governors and President Noren.

The Provost informed Policy Committee that she would be chairing a task force to develop a comprehensive code of ethics and that she would request nominees from the President of the Senate. Mr. Wolfson thought the Senate should hold in abeyance any nominations until the question of whether the issue is subject to collective bargaining is resolved.

3. Report from the Senate President: President Noren suggested that Mr. Wolfson and Mr. Romano, the Vice Chair, meet with him monthly. The Policy Committee thought meetings between the President and the Policy Committee would be more valuable because the Committee is a more diverse group of people with a wider representation of colleges. Mr. Wolfson will make the proposal to the President.

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December 14, 2009, were approved as modified.

5. Academic Senate Meeting: Policy Committee reviewed the agenda for the Senate meeting of January 13, 2010. Policy Committee asked Mr. Wolfson to invite department chairs and graduate officers to the meeting as they have an interest in the items on the agenda.

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Approved as amended at the Policy Committee meeting of January 25, 2010