

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC SENATE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

January 26, 2015

Present: L. Beale; V. Dallas; R. N. Frank; D. Kessel; C. Parrish; L. Romano; A. Sankar; W. Volz; M. Winters; A. Wisniewski

Absent with notice: J. Artiss

Guests: Brett Green, Director, Total Compensation and Wellness; Lisa Shrader, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the President

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of January 26, 2015.

1. Smoke-Free and Tobacco-Free Campus: Mr. Green and Ms. Shrader served on the President's Task Force on a Smoke-Free campus. They reviewed the steps that had been taken in past years that reduced smoking on campus. The current policy only allows smoking 25 feet from buildings. The Student Senate initiated this recent look at the possibility of adopting a smoke-free campus.

The President's Task Force studied the issue and recommended that the campus be smoke-free. An implementation committee reviewed the policies at other universities that are smoke-free. Committee members talked with administrators at other urban universities to learn how they communicated their policies, their policy on e-cigarettes, and what they learned in the implementation process. Implementation was more effective when the communication campaign was aggressive. The universities could not quantify whether their policies affected enrollment.

The majority of students who completed our campus survey thought the campus would be more appealing if it were smoke-free. Several Michigan campuses are smoke free and others are considering it. The satellite campuses that the University owns would follow the smoke-free policy. Fifteen hundred campuses in the U.S. are smoke free and 1,000 of them are also tobacco-free.

The recommendation will be discussed by the Board of Governors at its meeting of February 6. The policy would be effective August 15, the beginning of the fall term. Smoking would be permitted in private vehicles. Recently a message was sent through Pipeline informing the campus community about the policy. Temporary and permanent signs will be posted informing the campus community and visitors about the policy. Programs to quit smoking will be offered.

[Mr. Green and Ms. Shrader left the meeting.]

2. Report from the Chair:
 - a. The reporting line for the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies will be moved from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to the Office of the Provost. The move is appropriate because the work of the Center crosses college boundaries. The degree programs will remain in CLAS.

- b. The Provost is putting together a search committee for the Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management. Policy Committee suggested that a member of the academic staff who works with students at the department or college level serve on the committee.
 - c. The Kresge Foundation is supporting a program of faculty fellows who will be involved in student success and time to graduation initiatives for undergraduate students. Participants will work with groups across campus. They will be given release time from one course and will receive salary in the summer.
 - d. The search for the Coleman A. Young Endowed Chair in Urban Affairs is near completion. The recipient will teach and work on projects in the city and the region.
3. Report from the Senate President:
- a. Mr. Romano has asked Provost Winters and Associate Vice President for Budget, Planning and Analysis Robert Kohrman to discuss the metrics that are used to determine budgets within schools and colleges. They will present the information to the Budget Committee before giving it to the Policy Committee. Policy Committee thinks the administration should look at the quality of programs in addition to metrics like major, head count, and credit hours. Mr. Romano wants to see what metrics are used and how they are being weighted.
 - b. Mr. Romano updated PC about the administration's proposal to change the rates of benefits that will be charged to grant accounts. Mr. Romano had understood that money would be rebated so current grants would not be affected by the changes. The committee was asked to endorse a procedure where a rebate would be given only if the current grant was in deficit when the grant is closed. The committee did not agree with this suggestion. The committee will endorse a plan that when the funding period ends Sponsored Program Administration will determine the benefit payment difference and will add that amount to the grant account. If SPA has given money for the benefits but there is a surplus when the grant is closed, the Office will recoup the money.
 - c. The Graduate Council met on January 21. They discussed changes in programs and aligning their strategic plan with the University's strategic plan.
 - d. The search committee for the Vice President for Finance and Business Operations met. The search firm told the committee that there is a good pool of applicants.
- *4. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Proceedings of the Policy Committee meeting of January 12, 2015, were approved as submitted.
5. General Education: Following up on the discussion about general education at the January 12 meeting, a member spoke to there being less emphasis on how changes in the requirements would affect departments. Rather, the emphasis should be on making the University more attractive to students and providing a good general education.
6. Apportionment: Mr. Romano distributed the apportionment figures that determine how many members of the faculty and academic staff will serve on the Senate next year.