

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC SENATE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

January 30, 2017

Present: L. Beale; V. Dallas; C. Parrish; L. Romano; B. Roth; A. Rothe; N. Simon;
W. Volz; K. Whitfield; A. Wisniewski

Absent with notice: D. Kessel

The item marked with an asterisk constitutes the Action of January 30, 2017.

1. Report from the Chair:

- a. Provost Whitfield mentioned that President Trump's executive order "Protecting the Nation From Foreign Terrorist Entry Into the United States" has many implications for the University. Students are being directed to the Office of International Students and Scholars.
- b. The Education Advisory Board (EAB) contacted the University about establishing an executive partnership with it because the company believes that we will be able to grow and develop using their tools. EAB has offered the same partnership to the University of Colorado Denver, which, in many ways, is similar to Wayne State. The University also is purchasing EAB's Academic Performance Solutions, which will better link some of our actions to our strategic plan and help some of our systems communicate among themselves. It will give Deans a dashboard with data about personnel, faculty, and student tuition. This will be useful as we move toward the RCM budget model. Provost Whitfield plans to arrange a meeting of personnel from EAB and the Policy Committee to explain and demonstrate the product.

2. Report from the Senate President:

- a. The Board of Governors met January 27. On the agenda was the recommendation to amend the Student Code of Conduct to specify that students are prohibited from using their own original product for one course in a subsequent course without the permission of the instructor of the subsequent course. The amendment passed over the objection of the representative from the Student Senate. Mr. Romano, Ms. Beale, and Mr. Roth will provide the text of an email that they recommend be sent by the administration to all students informing them of the amendment. The Office of Undergraduate Admissions and New Student Orientation was notified of the amendment. Provost Whitfield will notify the Deans of the change.
- b. On the agenda of the Board's Budget and Finance Committee was the Executive Summary – Financial Results for FY 2016. Of concern was the need for the University to cover a \$29 million loss in the Fund for Medical Research and Education (FMRE) for FY 2016. Prior to the meeting, Ms. Beale and Mr. Romano, the faculty representative and the faculty alternate representative respectively to the Budget and Finance Committee, discussed the problem with Vice President William Decatur, Vice President David Hefner, Associate Vice President Diana Goode, and Associate Dean of Medicine Robert Kohrman. Most of the deficit was

due to charging salaries to the FMRE. Vice President Hefner said that salaries will no longer be charged to the FMRE.

- *3. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Policy Committee approved the Proceedings of its meeting of January 23, 2017, as submitted.
- 4. New Budget Model Task Forces: The administration is setting up task forces to assist in the development of a new budget model. The task forces will (1) “investigate and identify best responsibility-centered management and incentive based budget practices in higher education,” and (2) “identify, evaluate, and recommend alternative methodologies for model components.” Policy Committee selected Mr. Romano to serve on the Revenue Allocation Methodology task force, Ms. Beale to serve on the Cost Allocation Methodology task force, and Mr. Parrish to serve on the Incentive and Performance Methodologies task force. Prior to this Policy Committee meeting, Ms. Dallas was assigned to a task force. At her request, Policy Committee asked that she be moved to the Infrastructure Support for Implementation task force. All of these appointees are members of the Academic Senate Budget Committee.
- 5. General Education Reform Subcommittees: Policy Committee appointed the following members of the faculty and academic staff to serve on subcommittees of the General Education Reform Committee: Signature Courses Subcommittee - Brad Roth, Political Science, Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Law; Student Communities Subcommittee - Naida Simon, Undergraduate Programs and General Education, Academic Affairs; Breadth Subcommittee – Mark VanBerkum, Biological Sciences, Liberal Arts and Sciences; Engagement Courses (previously referred to as Capstone Courses) Subcommittee – Krista Brumley, Sociology, Liberal Arts and Sciences; Quantitative Experience Subcommittee – Kypros Markou, Music, Fine, Performing and Communication Arts.
- 6. Meeting with the President’s Cabinet: Policy Committee members suggested issues that they might discuss with the President’s Cabinet when they meet on March 9.
- 7. Apportionment for 2017-2018 Academic Year: Mr. Romano calculated the apportionment for the next academic year. The number of faculty and academic staff in the units determines the number of members on the Senate. There were no changes in the number of representatives from the units. The number of members next year will be the same as this year, which is 82.
- 8. Meeting with Unit Budget Advisory Committees: Every year during the winter semester, the Senate’s Budget Committee holds a meeting to inform the members of the Budget Advisory Committees in the schools, colleges, and departments about the next year’s budget. Ms. Beale asked the Provost that his Office provide that information to the Senate Office to use in arranging the meeting.