

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC SENATE
PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

November 9, 2009

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

Absent with notice: L. Romano; A. Vlasopolos; J. Whittum-Hudson

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of November 9, 2009.

1. Strategic Directions: Policy Committee members discussed the presentations of the Strategic Directions both at the retreat of November 3 and at the Senate meeting of November 4. Their discussion focused on research, student enrollment, tuition, and budget. Later in the meeting, Policy Committee decided to ask all Senate Committees to review the Strategic Directions presentations and the comments made and recorded at the retreat, if they are made available.
2. Report from the Chair: Two thousand potential students and their parents attended a general open house at the University last weekend and another 60 or 70 Merit Scholars and their parents attended an open house specifically for them.
3. Graduate Course Repeat Policy: Mr. Wolfson reported that at the Graduate Council meeting of October 21, 2009, the Council rescinded the Graduate School policy that limited to two the number of courses that graduate students may repeat during their graduate career at WSU. Programs will now be able to set their own limits on the number of times students may repeat courses.
4. Processes: Policy Committee members discussed the process for electing the Policy Committee and the process for selecting faculty and academic staff to serve on committees. One member of the Policy Committee defended President Noren's view that the Policy Committee members were not representative of the 1700 faculty of the University, nor were the nominees selected for the task forces representative.
- *5. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Proceedings of the Policy Committee meeting of November 2, 2009, were approved as submitted.
- *6. Nominees for Task Forces: Policy Committee approved the slates of nominees of faculty and academic staff to serve on the Task Force on Student Success and the Task Force on Research Incentives. Mr. Wolfson will send the lists to President Noren.
7. Article XXX Committees: Mr. Wolfson met with Stephen Calkins, Associate Vice President for Academic Personnel, about the soliciting of nominations for the committees selected according to the procedures in Article XXX of the Agreement between the University and the AAUP-AFT.
8. Survey on a Smoke-Free Campus: Mr. Woodyard reported that the draft report of the survey on a smoke-free campus is due November 16. The Senate committees involved in its development will review the report before it is submitted to the Policy Committee. Virginia Rice, Professor of Nursing, has asked to speak to the Senate on the issue. Mr. Wolfson will give her an opportunity to speak to the Senate when the body deals with the results of the survey.
9. Agenda for the December 2 Senate Meeting: Policy Committee reviewed the proposed agenda for the December 2, 2009, meeting of the Academic Senate. The presentations on the Strategic Directions

will continue, and members will have the opportunity to ask questions of the presenters at the November Senate meeting. Dean of Libraries Sandra Yee would like to talk with Senate members about the review of Library journals. Associate Vice President for Marketing and Communications Michael Wright would like to discuss how to promote faculty outside of the University.

- *10. Future Consultation on Parking Fee Increases: The Senate Budget Committee approved a statement urging the administration to consult in an appropriate fashion on any future proposals for parking fee increases and to provide the Academic Senate with the information needed for the consultation to be meaningful. Policy Committee forwarded the report to President Noren, the Board of Governors, and the full Senate.

Approved as modified at the Policy Committee meeting of November 16, 2009