

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC SENATE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

November 16, 2009

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

Absent with notice: H. Tse

The items marked with an asterisk constitute the Actions of November 16, 2009.

1. Report from the Chair: Provost Barrett reported that the forum on the Strategic Directions Initiative was held on November 16, 2009, for department chairs from across the University.
2. Budget: Policy Committee discussed the budgetary situation and the need for priorities in preparation for the expected cuts in the appropriation from the state.
3. Searches: In response to questions, the Provost reported that the searches for the Dean of Engineering and for the Director of Undergraduate Admissions continue.
4. Report from the Senate President: Mr. Wolfson said that the group looking at distance learning systems for the entire campus saw presentations on three systems. With these systems, distance education courses could be offered from any classroom and students could view the lecture at any time.
5. Meeting with the President's Cabinet: Mr. Wolfson and Mr. Romano will meet with the President's Cabinet on November 19, 2009. Policy Committee offered suggestions for topics they might raise at the meeting.
- \*6. Proceedings of the Policy Committee: The Proceedings of the Policy Committee meeting of November 9, 2009, were approved as modified.
- \*7. Procedures for Schools/Colleges Budget Reform: The fiscal year 2010 Budget contains a proposal for the administration to recapture vacant faculty lines that have not been filled for a specific period of time. The Academic Senate Budget Committee developed a procedure for handling the vacant lines and submitted it to the Policy Committee. Policy Committee revised the document and instructed Mr. Wolfson to forward it to the President and the Board of Governors.
8. Graduate Council Meeting: Policy Committee received the agenda and documents for the Graduate Council meeting of November 18, 2009.
9. Graduate and Professional Scholarships: Some Policy Committee members had heard of a plan to change the support levels for graduate and professional scholarships. Mr. Wolfson was asked to invite the Dean of the Graduate School to a meeting to discuss the plan.
- 10. Agenda for the Academic Senate Meeting: Policy Committee reviewed the drafted agenda for the Academic Senate meeting of December 2, 2009. It made no changes.
11. Committee Minutes: Policy Committee received the minutes of the Budget Committee meeting of

October 12, 2009, and the Student Affairs Committee meeting of October 14, 2009.

12. Reports from Liaisons:

- a. Mr. Woodyard reported that the Student Affairs Committee and the Elections Committee are working on the calendar survey. They will conduct focus groups in an effort to learn the various issues that people want covered in the survey. The Student Affairs Committee asked that an item in the Policy Committee Proceedings of October 19, 2009, regarding the development of the calendar survey be amended.
- b. Ms. Vlasopolos noted that the Curriculum and Instruction Committee met on November 11, 2009.
- c. Mr. Woodyard said that at its meeting of November 9, 2009, the Budget Committee dealt with consultation for parking fee increases and the procedures for schools/colleges budget reform. The Committee will begin looking at contingency modes for the budget for the next few years.

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Approved as submitted at the Policy Committee meeting of November 23, 2009